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1 **[EXECUTIVE OFFICER READES CLOSED SESSION REPORT ON PAGE 279]**

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5 (GAVEL) .

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME TO
8 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS JULY 12, 2016
9 MEETING. OUR MEETING WILL NOW COME TO ORDER. THIS MORNING, THE
10 INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY FATHER TONY ASTUDILLO, ST. LORENZO
11 RUIZ CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WALNUT, AND THE PLEDGE THIS MORNING
12 WILL BE LED BY KELLY A. OROZCO, FORMER PETTY OFFICER FIRST
13 CLASS, UNITED STATES NAVY, FROM THE CITY OF COVINA. PLEASE
14 RISE, EVERYONE.

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16 **FR. TONY ASTUDILLO:** BLESSED ARE YOU, O GOD OF OUR FATHERS.
17 PRAISED BE YOUR NAME FOREVER AND EVER. MAY THE HEAVENS AND ALL
18 YOUR CREATION PRAISE YOU FOREVER. WE THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF
19 THIS DAY AND THE GIFT OF YOUR PRESENCE AT THIS ASSEMBLY OF OUR
20 LEADERS, OUR COUNTY SUPERVISORS AND COMMUNITY. WE GATHER
21 BEFORE YOU, LORD, CONSCIOUS OF OUR WEAKNESSES AND NEED, BUT
22 AWARE THAT WE GATHER IN YOUR NAME. BLESS OUR LEADERS, OUR
23 COUNTY SUPERVISORS, IN THEIR ASSEMBLY. COME TO THEM, STAY WITH
24 THEM DURING THESE DELIBERATIONS. REMAIN WITH THEM AND
25 ENLIGHTEN THEIR HEARTS. GIVE THEM LIGHT AND STRENGTH TO KNOW



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1 WHAT YOU MAY BE ASKING OF THEM, TO MAKE IT THEIR OWN AND TO
2 LIVE IT IN THEIR LIVES. GUIDE THEM BY YOUR WISDOM. SUPPORT
3 THEM BY YOUR POWER, FOR YOU ARE GOD AND YOUR NAME BE BLESSED
4 FOREVER. YOU DESIRE JUSTICE FOR ALL. ENABLE THEM TO UPHOLD THE
5 RIGHTS OF OTHERS. DO NOT ALLOW THEM TO BE MISLED BY IGNORANCE
6 OR CORRUPTED BY FEAR OR FAVOR. UNITE THEM TO YOURSELF IN THE
7 BOND OF LOVE AND KEEP THEM FAITHFUL TO ALL THAT IS TRUE. AS
8 THEY GATHER IN YOUR NAME, MAY THEY TEMPER JUSTICE WITH LOVE SO
9 THAT ALL THEIR DECISIONS MAY BE PLEASING TO YOU AND EARN THE
10 REWARD PROMISED TO GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS. ALL FOR YOUR
11 GREATER GLORY, AMEN.

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13 **KELLY A. OROZCO:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG. PUT YOUR HAND OVER YOUR
14 HEART. VETERANS MAY RENDER A HAND SALUTE. [PLEDGE OF
15 ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, FATHER TONY, FOR LEADING
18 US THIS MORNING IN OUR INVOCATION. FATHER TONY SERVES AS THE
19 PASTOR OF ST. LORENZO RUIZ CATHOLIC PARISH IN THE CITY OF
20 WALNUT IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. HE WAS BORN ON SEPTEMBER 25,
21 1948 IN ABRA, A PROVINCE LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE
22 PHILIPPINES AND RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN 1983 WHEN
23 HE TOOK HIS FIRST ASSIGNMENT AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR AT THE
24 NATIVITY PARISH CHURCH IN EL MONTE WHERE I CURRENTLY ATTEND.
25 HE WAS ORDAINED TO PRIESTHOOD AT THE AGE OF 24 AND HAS SERVED



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1 UNDER THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES IN MANY COMMUNITIES
2 THROUGHOUT THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. HE ALSO SERVED AS ASSOCIATE
3 PASTOR AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH IN SOUTH PASADENA FOR SIX YEARS,
4 ASSOCIATE PASTOR AT ST. STEPHEN PARISH IN MONTEREY PARK FOR
5 TWO YEARS AND BECAME PASTOR AT HOLY INNOCENCE PARISH IN LONG
6 BEACH WHERE HE SERVED FOR 10 YEARS. FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS HE
7 HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO SHARING HIS WISDOM OF PROMISE, SPIRITUAL
8 ONENESS WITH GOD AND WITH THE COMMUNITY IN WALNUT. THANK YOU
9 SO MUCH. WE ARE SO PLEASED THAT YOU COULD PROVIDE THE OPENING
10 PRAYER FOR US THIS MORNING. THANK YOU, FATHER. [APPLAUSE.]

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONCE AGAIN, IT'S OUR PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE
13 MIKE OROZCO WHO LED US IN THE PRAYER--I SHOULD SAY, FATHER LED
14 US IN PRAYER-- LED US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. ANYWAY, WE
15 HAVE A 20-YEAR VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY. HE SERVED
16 BETWEEN 1991 AND 2011. HE ALSO TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE VETERANS
17 PROGRAM THAT WE HAD AND COMING IN THAT PROGRAM HE IS NOW A
18 COUNTY EMPLOYEE. HE'S BEEN WORKING WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
19 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AS AN ELIGIBILITY WORKER
20 II WELFARE FRAUD INVESTIGATOR TRAINEE. HE'S A GRADUATE OF PICO
21 RIVERA'S EL RANCHO HIGH SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE IN
22 LA VERNE. DURING HIS CAREER IN THE NAVY, HIS LAST UNIT WAS THE
23 U.S.S. NIMITZ. HE SERVED IN THE ARABIAN GULF WITH OPERATION
24 DESERT SHIELD, OPERATING SOUTHERN WATCH AND OPERATING ENDURING
25 FREEDOM AND OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. HE RECEIVED THE SURFACE



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1 WARFARE SPECIALIST, AVIATION WARFARE SPECIALIST, COMBAT
2 WARFARE SPECIALIST, ALONG WITH MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATIONS
3 ,ALONG WITH THE ARMED FORCES MEDAL AND HE'S AN EXPERT RIFLE
4 AND EXPERT PISTOL. I NEVER MADE THE EXPERT WHEN I WAS IN THE
5 ARMY. ANYWAY, WE JUST WANT TO THANK YOU, MICHAEL. HE HAS ONE
6 SON, MICHAEL. AND WE WANT TO THANK KELLY FOR COMING DOWN AND
7 LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [APPLAUSE.]

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW ASK THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO
10 CALL THE AGENDA.

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12 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR AND
13 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3,
14 REPORTS. ON ITEMS R-1 AND R-2, THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR
15 DISCUSSION WITH ITEM 36. ON ITEM R-3, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
16 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY
17 19, 2016. ON ITEM R-4, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION.
18 ON ITEM R-5, THE INTERIM CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS THAT
19 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JULY 26TH. ON PAGE 6,
20 SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDAS. AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
21 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ON ITEMS 1-D AND 2-D,
22 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD.
23 AND ON ITEM 2-D, THIS ITEM RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM NO. 7, AND A
24 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT 3-D BE HELD. ITEM 4-D
25 IS BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
3 SHEILA KUEHL. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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5 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 8, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING
6 OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. ITEM 1-H IS BEFORE YOU.

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
9 KNABE. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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11 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 9 AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF
12 THE PUBLIC WORKS FINANCING AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-F IS BEFORE YOU.

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
15 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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17 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 10, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING
18 OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON ITEM 1-P, A
19 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
20 PAGE 11, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 14, ON ITEMS 1
21 AND 2, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS
22 BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 3, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED
23 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 5, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
24 HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 7, THIS ITEM
25 WAS REVISED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA AND A MEMBER OF THE



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1 PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 9,
2 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
3 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 19, 2016. ON ITEM NO. 10, THE CHIEF
4 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JULY
5 19, 2016. ON ITEM NO. 11, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED
6 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 12, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND A
7 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS ITEM
8 WAS REVISED TO READ, ON NUMBER 8, SUB-8 OF THE MOTION,
9 "INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS TO
10 WORK WITH THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE PUBLIC WORKS
11 AND OTHER RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS TO ASSESS AND REPORT BACK TO
12 THE BOARD BY DECEMBER 31, 2016." ON ITEM NO. 14, A MEMBER OF
13 THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING
14 ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THOSE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
17 KUEHL. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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19 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 21, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS
20 15 THROUGH 31. ON ITEM 15, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
21 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 19,
22 2016. A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE
23 REQUESTED THAT ITEMS 16 AND 17 BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 18, THE
24 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
25 ONE WEEK TO JULY 19, 2016. YES, NUMBER 18. CONTINUED. ON ITEM



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1 NO. 19, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
2 HELD. ON ITEM NO. 21, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT
3 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 23, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS
4 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 26, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
5 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 27, COUNTY COUNSEL
6 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 19,
7 2016. THE REMAINDER OF THE ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR
8 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THOSE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
11 KNABE. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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13 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 30, ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION.
14 ITEM 32 IS BEFORE YOU.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
17 RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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19 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SEPARATE MATTERS. ITEMS 33 THROUGH
20 35, ON ITEMS NUMBER 33, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED
21 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 35, THIS IS A RECOMMENDATION
22 TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CONTRACTUAL
23 ASSESSMENT LIMITED OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS SERIES 2016-C1
24 UNDER LOS ANGELES COUNTY ENERGY PROGRAM, ON BEHALF OF MILLER
25 B.R.G. L.P., IN A MAXIMUM PAR AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,530,000



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1 TO FUND THE INSTALLATION OF ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY
2 IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTY OWNERS LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED
3 AREA OF CHATSWORTH. AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED
4 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ITEM 34 IS BEFORE YOU.

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
7 KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

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9 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 31, PUBLIC HEARING. ITEM 36
10 WILL BE HELD ALONG WITH ITEM R-1 AND R-2 FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.
11 THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
12 SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 3, AND
13 PRESENTATIONS WILL BEGIN WITH THE CHAIR'S PRESENTATION TO THE
14 NEW CONSUL GENERAL OF SRI LANKA.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, I'D LIKE TO
17 INVITE OUR NEW CONSUL GENERAL FROM SRI LANKA TO LOS ANGELES.
18 MS. SWARNA GUNARATNE-- DID I GET THAT RIGHT? GOOD-- TO COME
19 FORWARD HERE. OUR NEW CONSUL GENERAL HAS HAD 28 YEARS OF
20 PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF OIL AND GAS ACCOUNTING
21 IN ALBERTA'S OIL COMPANIES. SHE HOLDS A KAPPA DEGREE IN OIL
22 AND GAS ACCOUNTING FROM MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY IN ALBERTA,
23 CANADA AND MASTER'S DEGREE IN ECONOMICS. CONSUL GENERAL IS A
24 MEMBER OF THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCT
25 PRODUCTION ACCOUNTANTS. AS PRESIDENT OF SRI LANKA CANADA



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1 ASSOCIATION, SHE ACTIVELY PROMOTED THE SRI LANKA CULTURE. IN
2 2013, SHE ADDRESSED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN SRI LANKA AND
3 THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONER IN GENEVA. SHE WORKED AS A
4 FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR AT THE UNITED NATIONS BRANCH IN CALGARY,
5 CANADA, AND WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE CALGARY ECONOMIC
6 DEVELOPMENT SISTER CITIES PROGRAM. SHE WAS NAMED PRODUCTION
7 AND REVENUE ACCOUNTING CONTROLLER FOR THE CANADIAN NATURAL
8 RESOURCES LTD. AND THEN BECAME MANAGER FOR PRODUCTION AND
9 REVENUE ACCOUNTING FOR THE PETRO BANK AND ENERGY AND LIGHT
10 STREAM RESOURCES. IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR, SHE WAS APPOINTED
11 CONSUL GENERAL OF SRI LANKA TO LOS ANGELES. ON BEHALF OF THE
12 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS THAT
13 WE REPRESENT, WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME OUR NEW CONSUL GENERAL
14 TO LOS ANGELES AND PLEDGE OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT WITH HER AND
15 HER COUNTRY. [APPLAUSE.]

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17 **HON. SWARNA GUNARATNE:** HONORABLE HILDA SOLIS, THE CHAIRMAN OF
18 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ALL OF THE COUNTY
19 SUPERVISORS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
20 ANGELES, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I FEEL
21 HONORED AND PRIVILEGED TO BE INVITED TO ADDRESS THE
22 DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS THIS MORNING. I EXPRESS MY SINCERE GRATITUDE AND
24 APPRECIATION TO THE CHAIRMAN AND ALL OF THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS
25 AND THE OFFICERS OF THE PROTOCOL OFFICE FOR ORGANIZING THIS



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1 EVENT AND FOR THE WARM WELCOME EXTENDED TO ME AT THIS
2 HISTORICAL VENUE IN LOS ANGELES. I'M HAPPY TO BE THE FIRST
3 FEMALE CONSUL GENERAL OF SRI LANKA IN LOS ANGELES WITH
4 CONSULAR JURISDICTION COVERING 11 WESTERN STATES OF THE UNITED
5 STATES OF AMERICA, AS OF MARCH 2016. AS MENTIONED IN THE
6 INTRODUCTION, I HAVE WORKED AS AN EXECUTIVE IN A NUMBER OF
7 CANADIAN OIL COMPANIES FOR THE LAST 30 YEARS. WHILE I WAS
8 WORKING AS AN OIL EXECUTIVE, I STILL VOLUNTEERED IN DIFFERENT
9 ORGANIZATIONS MAINLY AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE SRI LANKA CANADA
10 ASSOCIATION, THE FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS
11 CALGARY BRANCH AND DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF THE SISTER CITY
12 PROGRAM BETWEEN CALGARY AND JAIPUR, INDIA. I ALWAYS HAD A
13 PASSION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND I'M SO GRATEFUL FOR OUR
14 PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER FOR GIVING
15 ME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE COUNTY-- COUNTRY. AS A PART
16 OF MY RESPONSIBILITY, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO SERVE MANY SRI
17 LANKANS, AN ESTIMATED 40,000, WHO HAVE SETTLED DOWN IN THE
18 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE
19 ECONOMY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SRI LANKA IS AN ISLAND
20 IN THE INDIAN OCEAN WITH A NATURAL COASTLINE SURROUNDED BY
21 BEAUTIFUL BEACHES. SRI LANKA IS ABSOLUTE PARADISE ON THIS
22 EARTH WITH VIBRANT RAIN FORESTS, WITH RIVERS AND WATERFALLS,
23 CURIOUS WILD ELEPHANTS AND INSPIRING WORLD HERITAGE SITES.
24 WITH OUR 3,000 YEAR-OLD ANCIENT CITIES AND COLONIAL FORTS, SRI
25 LANKA STREETS ECHO THE WISDOM OF THOUSANDS OF YEARS OF



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1 TRAVELERS AND STORYTELLERS. 2009 MARKED THE END OF THE BRUTAL
2 REIGN OF TERROR. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT WAS
3 ELECTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE TO FULFILL THE
4 EXPECTATIONS OF ACHIEVING NATIONAL UNITY AND RECONCILIATION.
5 TO GIVE EFFECT TO THIS COMMITMENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA
6 ESTABLISHED THE OFFICE FOR NATIONAL UNITY AND RECONCILIATION,
7 HEADED BY FORMER PRESIDENT, CHANDRIKA KUMARATUNGA. DURING MY
8 TENURE OF OFFICE, I INTEND TO FOCUS ON A FEW MATTERS OF
9 IMPORTANCE, LIKE IMPROVING TRADE AND INVESTMENT BETWEEN THE
10 WESTERN STATES AND SRI LANKA AND ALSO PROMOTING SRI LANKA AS A
11 TOURIST DESTINATION, AS WELL AS ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY
12 PROGRAM WHICH WOULD CREATE A LONG-TERM PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN A
13 CITY IN CALIFORNIA AND A CITY IN SRI LANKA. THESE PARTNERSHIPS
14 WILL HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO PERFORM THE WIDEST POSSIBLE
15 DIVERSITY OF ACTIVITIES OF ANY INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM EMPLOYING
16 EVERY TYPE OF MUNICIPAL, BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL, EDUCATIONAL
17 AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE OF PROJECTS. OUR CURRENT GOVERNMENT HAS
18 TAKEN A NUMBER OF POSITIVE MEASURES TO IMPROVE INVESTOR
19 CONFIDENCE, STRENGTHEN THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT AND MAKE SRI
20 LANKA AN ATTRACTIVE DESTINATION FOR FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT.
21 LET ME CONCLUDE BY SAYING THAT THERE ARE TREMENDOUS
22 OPPORTUNITIES OPEN FOR THE TWO NATIONS TO ESTABLISH MUTUAL
23 ECONOMIC COOPERATION. I EXTEND MY FULLEST SUPPORT IN
24 DEVELOPING, STRENGTHENING AND ENHANCING THE EXISTING FRIENDLY
25 BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS, ESPECIALLY



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1 BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND MY COUNTRY. I'M GRATEFUL
2 TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPLEMENT THESE MEASURES AND
3 RECOGNIZE THAT THEY GO BEYOND MATTERS OF TRADE AND INVESTMENT.
4 THEY REPRESENT THE DREAMS OF ANCESTORS WHO WOULD ENVISION THIS
5 DAY POSSIBLE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL THE MEMBERS?

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, IT'S MY HONOR TO CALL UP OUR
10 PARKS AND RECREATIONS STAFF, ONE OF THE PROUDEST INDIVIDUALS
11 THAT WORK FOR US AND WORK HARD, PARKS AND RECREATION
12 DEPARTMENT. TODAY WE ARE CELEBRATING PARKS AND RECREATION
13 MONTH AND THEY HAVE PROVIDED I THINK A SENSE OF FAMILY,
14 LEADERSHIP AND SO MUCH TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR
15 NUMEROUS YEARS. I CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER WAY TO ASK FOR ALL
16 OF OUR RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATION IN
17 THE MONTH OF JULY SO THAT WE RECOGNIZE OUR PARKS AND
18 RECREATION STAFF AND EVERYONE THAT COMES TO ENJOY OUR PARKS.
19 AND OUR THEME IS: PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER! THAT MAKES A LOT OF
20 SENSE. AND JOHN WICKER, WHO IS OUR PARKS DIRECTOR, IS HERE
21 TODAY ALONG WITH MEMBERS OF HIS TEAM. PARKS, AS YOU KNOW, ARE
22 NEAR AND DEAR TO MANY OF US AND SO IMPORTANT TO OUR LIVES AND
23 TO OUR RESIDENTS. WE KNOW THAT PARKS OFFER A SENSE OF
24 COMMUNITY, PLACES WHERE COMMUNITIES CAN COME TOGETHER TO
25 RECREATE, TO PLAY, TO BE ACTIVE, AND TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO



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1 EXERCISE AND LEAD HEALTHY LIVES. I ENJOY HEARING FROM OUR
2 COMMUNITY MEMBERS, OUR RESIDENTS, ABOUT HOW MUCH THEY USE OUR
3 PARKS AND HOW MUCH THEY ENJOY THE WIDE VARIETY OF PARK
4 PROGRAMS AND THE VITAL ROLE THAT PARKS PLAY EVERY DAY IN THEIR
5 LIVES, ESPECIALLY WHEN I VISIT SOME OF OUR PARKS AND I KNOW
6 SOME OF THE BOARD MEMBERS ARE OUT THERE, AS WELL, THIS SUMMER
7 VISITING OUR RESIDENTS THAT ARE A PART OF OUR SUMMER LUNCH
8 PROGRAMS AND TO SEE THEM PARTICIPATE IN SWIMMING LESSONS, TO
9 SPORTS AND SO MANY OTHER ACTIVITIES, ARTS AND CRAFTS, SAMBA,
10 DANCING FOR OUR SENIORS, THINGS THAT MAKE PEOPLE COME ALIVE. A
11 RECENT STUDY BY OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
12 REPORTED THAT THE AVAILABILITY OF PARKS AND RECREATIONAL
13 PROGRAMS CAN HELP COMMUNITY MEMBERS BECOME BETTER AND
14 PHYSICALLY MORE ACTIVE, THEREBY REDUCING THEIR RISK OF
15 OBESITY, DIABETES, HEART DISEASE AND EVEN OTHER TYPES OF
16 CANCER. PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, AS YOU KNOW, IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO
17 OUR MENTAL HEALTH. WE HAVE 179 COUNTY PARKS. AND OUR DEDICATED
18 PARKS AND RECREATION TEAM WORKS VERY HARD TO ENSURE THAT OUR
19 PARKS ARE CLEAN, THAT THEY'RE SAFE, AND THAT WE HAVE PROGRAMS
20 AVAILABLE FOR EVERYONE. I URGE ALL OF YOU TO VISIT OUR PARKS
21 AND JOIN IN THE WIDE VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS. BE SURE
22 TO SAY HELLO TO THE PARK STAFF BECAUSE THEY KNOW HOW IMPORTANT
23 IT IS TO BE THERE FOR YOU. WE WANT TO WISH THEM A HAPPY PARKS
24 AND RECREATION DAY/MONTH/HOUR/SECOND, IT'S ALL ABOUT OUR
25 COMMUNITIES. AND WE WANT TO THANK THEM SO MUCH. AND JOHN AND



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1 YOUR STAFF, IT'S BEEN REMARKABLE YEAR, YEAR AND A HALF,
2 WORKING WITH YOU AND GETTING TO KNOW ALL THE WONDERFUL SPOTS
3 AROUND THE COUNTY, 179. I HAVEN'T BEEN TO ALL OF THEM, BUT I
4 CAN TELL YOU I'M IMPRESSED. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU,
5 MR. WICKER. [APPLAUSE.]

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7 **JOHN WICKER:** WELL GOOD MORNING TO YOU MADAME CHAIR AND
8 SUPERVISORS FOR PROCLAIMING JULY AS PARK AND RECREATION MONTH
9 AND ALSO PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER! MONTH. I'M VERY PROUD TO
10 ACCEPT THIS RECOGNITION WITH MY TEAM THAT'S WITH ME HERE TODAY
11 AS WELL AS FOR ALL OF OUR DEDICATED EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS
12 THAT ARE OUT THERE WORKING IN THE PARKS EACH AND EVERY DAY.
13 THIS REALLY MEANS A LOT TO US. AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS MENTIONED,
14 WE HAVE OVER 179 DIFFERENT FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.
15 WE'VE ALSO GOT OVER 200 MILES OF TRAILS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY
16 FOR EVERYBODY TO GET HEALTHY, ACTIVE AND FIT. THERE'S A LOT OF
17 GREAT OPPORTUNITIES. NOW THIS, SUMMER, TOO, FOR THE FIRST
18 TIME, WE HAVE 21 PARKS AFTER DARK PROGRAMS GOING ON. THERE ARE
19 SOME IN ALL FIVE OF OUR SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS THIS YEAR.
20 WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THAT. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THAT. AND
21 BASICALLY, WHAT THE PARKS AFTER DARK PROGRAM IS, IS ON
22 THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, FROM 6 TO 10 P.M. WE OFFER
23 EXTENDED PROGRAMMING AT THESE PARKS THAT HAVE THESE ADDITIONAL
24 PROGRAMS GOING ON. AND SOME OF THE PROGRAMS WE HAVE MOVIE
25 NIGHTS IN THE PARK. WE'VE GOT COOKING CLASSES FOR PARENTS, BUT



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1 IT'S ACTUALLY OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY TO GET OUT
2 THERE AND TO GET ACTIVE AND TO GET INVOLVED. SO IT'S REALLY
3 KIND OF A FAMILY BUILDING TYPE OF AN ACTIVITY. SO THIS REALLY
4 MEANS A LOT THE TO ALL OF US. PARKS PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN THE
5 LIVES OF ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS. AND WE'VE HEARD THROUGH SO MANY
6 OF THOSE PEOPLE THROUGH THE PARKS NEEDS ASSESSMENT JUST HOW
7 IMPORTANT PARKS ARE FOR ALL THESE COMMUNITIES. FROM MOMMIES
8 AND ME, TO TINY TOTS, TO SENIORS AS WELL, PARKS ARE AN
9 IMPORTANT PART OF OUR LIVES. SO ON BEHALF OF ALL OF OUR
10 EMPLOYEES, THANK YOU FOR PROCLAIMING JULY AS PARKS AND
11 RECREATION MONTH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

12
13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, IT'S MY DISTINCT PRIVILEGE
14 TO RECOGNIZE TODAY THE COMMISSION, THE L.A. COUNTY COMMISSION
15 FOR WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP EVENT. THEY DESERVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE,
16 THEY SURE DO. [APPLAUSE.] SINCE 1999, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
17 COMMISSION FOR WOMEN HAS PROVIDED COLLEGE AND VOCATIONAL
18 SCHOLARSHIPS TO DESERVING YOUNG WOMEN, GIVING THEM AN
19 OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THEIR LIFE AND THEIR
20 FUTURES. THE COMMISSION HAS AWARDED OVER \$295,000 IN
21 EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS TO YOUNG WOMEN THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES
22 COUNTY. THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WAS THE VISION OF FORMER
23 COMMISSIONER JANET ELLIOTT MUMY, ESQUIRE, A CHAMPION OF RIGHTS
24 FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN AND THE ELDERLY. TODAY THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS IS HONORED TO PRESENT THREE YOUNG LADIES EACH WITH



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1 A \$2,000 SCHOLARSHIP IN SUPPORT OF THEIR PURSUIT OF HIGHER
2 EDUCATION. MISS ALANDRA SERANO IS THE AWARDEE FROM THE THIRD
3 DISTRICT. ALANDRA IS CURRENTLY PURSUING A DEGREE IN BUSINESS
4 FROM PIERCE COLLEGE AND PLANS ON TRANSFERRING TO CAL STATE
5 NORTHRIDGE IN THE FALL OF 2017. MS. SERANO HAS OVERCOME MANY
6 CHALLENGES AND DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES IN HER LIFE WHILE
7 PURSUING HER EDUCATION. THIS HAS INSPIRED HER TO ONE DAY WORK
8 FOR A NONPROFIT AGENCY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND A SUPPORT
9 SYSTEM TO WOMEN WHO FACE SIMILAR CHALLENGES TO THE ONES THAT
10 SHE OVERCAME. PLEASE GIVE HER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]
11 THE AWARDEE FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT IS MISS JULIE GRASIAN.
12 JULIE GRADUATED FROM SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL IN JUNE WITH A 4.3
13 G.P.A. ALL RIGHT. AND WILL BE ATTENDING U.C.L.A. TO STUDY
14 HUMAN BIOLOGY. MS. GRASIAN EXCELLED IN HIGH LEVEL AND RIGOROUS
15 COURSES WHILE STILL FINDING TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN TRACK AND
16 FIELD, CROSS COUNTRY, SOCCER AND STUDENT GOVERNMENT. A BIG
17 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] AND MISS DOAN YO IS THE AWARDEE
18 FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT. SHE GRADUATED FROM GABRIELINO HIGH
19 SCHOOL IN 2015. JUST COMPLETED HER FIRST YEAR AT U.C.L.A.
20 WHERE SHE'S STUDYING BUSINESS ECONOMICS. AND SHE EXCELLED ALSO
21 IN SOME OF THE MOST DIFFICULT COURSES WHILE STILL SERVING AS
22 AN INTERN AT A RESTAURANT IN GARDEN GROVE. ROUND OF APPLAUSE,
23 YES. [APPLAUSE.] UNFORTUNATELY, THIS MORNING, THE AWARDEE FROM
24 THE FIRST AND SECOND DISTRICTS, MS. MARIBEL FLORES ,WHO I MET
25 EARLIER WITH HER TWO CHILDREN BY THE WAY, AND MISS LUCERO



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1 NOYOLA, ALSO FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT, WERE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND
2 THIS PARTICULAR CEREMONY, BUT WE WANT TO WISH THEM WELL. GIVE
3 THEM ALL A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. AND MEMBERS PLEASE JOIN US
4 FOR PICTURES. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE IS RECOGNIZED.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR AND IT'S MY HONOR AND
9 PRIVILEGE TO RECOGNIZE A PERSON WHO IS A FRIEND OF ALL OF OURS
10 AND MOST IMPORTANTLY THE KIDS IN THIS GREAT COUNTY. AND WE'RE
11 PROUD TO HAVE MY GOOD FRIEND AND GREAT LEADER OF ONE OF THE
12 LARGEST SERVICE AGENCIES IN THE NATION THAT SERVES CHILDREN
13 AND FAMILIES. MARY EMMONS IS WELL KNOWN TO US AS PRESIDENT AND
14 C.E.O. OF CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE. SADLY, SHE WILL BE RETIRING
15 THIS YEAR AFTER 35 YEARS OF SERVICE. UNDER MARY'S STEWARDSHIP,
16 THEY HAVE GROWN TO SERVE MORE THAN 24,000 CHILDREN AND
17 FAMILIES PER YEAR ACROSS OUR GREAT COUNTY. BUT I THINK IT'S
18 NOT JUST ABOUT THE ACTUAL SIZE OF THE INSTITUTE. IT'S THE KIND
19 OF PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES THAT THEY DO THAT ALSO FLOURISHED
20 UNDER HER LEADERSHIP. THE ONE THAT COMES TO MIND IS PROJECT
21 FATHERHOOD, WHICH IS A POWERFUL PROGRAM THAT ADDRESSES THE
22 NEEDS OF FATHERS. THIS HAS HAD A TREMENDOUS IMPACT NOT ONLY ON
23 INDIVIDUAL FAMILIES BUT ALSO IT'S BECOME WELL KNOWN AS A
24 NATIONAL MODEL THAT IS REPLICATED ALL ACROSS OUR COUNTRY. SO
25 MARY'S HERE TODAY WITH MEMBERS OF HER BOARD AND STAFF AND



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1 FRIENDS. AND SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, MY COLLEAGUES ON THE
2 BOARD, WE JUST WANT TO EXTEND YOU THE VERY BEST WISHES. MARY
3 AND I GO BACK, I THINK ABOUT 1982. WE BOTH FEEL YOUNGER THAN
4 WHEN WE STARTED. SO CONGRATULATIONS MARY EMMONS. JUST A GREAT
5 LEADER IN OUR COUNTY ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **MARY EMMONS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THOSE
8 KIND WORDS AND TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, IT'S REALLY
9 AN HONOR TO GET THIS KIND OF RECOGNITION FROM THE L.A. COUNTY
10 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SUPERVISOR KNABE IS RIGHT. I'VE BEEN
11 THROUGH MANY ITERATIONS OF THE BOARD. AND IT HAS BEEN REALLY
12 AN IMPORTANT RESOURCE FOR THE WORK THE CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE
13 HAS BEEN ABLE TO DO OVER THE YEARS. WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH
14 MANY OF THE BOARD OFFICES IN BRINGING NEW PROGRAMS AND NEW
15 FACILITIES INTO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SERVICE SYSTEM FOR
16 CHILDREN. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL. I ALSO WANT TO
17 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ANY RECOGNITION FOR WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED
18 THROUGH CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE REALLY BELONGS TO OUR INCREDIBLY
19 TALENTED AND DEDICATED TEAM OF PROFESSIONALS, A FEW OF WHOM
20 ARE WITH ME TODAY. SO I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEM AND THANK
21 THEM ALL. FOR 35 YEARS OF WHAT I THINK IS A LABOR OF LOVE. AND
22 I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR RECOGNITION TODAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.
23 [APPLAUSE.]

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LET ME
2 JUST SIMPLY SAY THIS WELL DESERVED RESPITE IS MARKING A
3 SIGNIFICANT POINT IN TIME AS IT RELATES TO THE ADVOCACY, FOR
4 THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES. I JUST
5 HAVE TO SAY IT HAS BEEN NOTHING SHORT OF STELLAR. AND EVEN AS
6 SHE MOVES TO OTHER LOFTY PURSUITS, SHE LEAVES A LEGACY THAT
7 WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN. THE COLLABORATION MOST RECENTLY,
8 SUPERVISOR KNABE, WITH FRANK GARY TO TAKE WHAT WAS THE
9 SOUTHEAST HEALTH CENTER, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE
10 COMMUNITY OF WATTS, AND TRANSFORMING THAT TO A STATE-OF-THE-
11 ART EXCEPTIONAL FACILITY, NOT IN TERMS OF ARCHITECTURE ALONE
12 BUT IN TERMS OF THE QUALITY OF SERVICES FOR WHICH THEY ARE
13 WIDELY KNOWN. CAN'T CONCLUDE THESE REMARKS WITHOUT
14 UNDERSCORING THE FATHERHOOD PROJECT AND FATHER HERSCHEL
15 SWINGER AND WHAT HE HAS DONE. SO MY HAT IS OFF TO YOU FOR WHAT
16 YOU HAVE DONE, FOR WHAT YOU'RE DOING RIGHT NOW AND WHAT YOU
17 WILL DO IN THE FUTURE BECAUSE YOUR LEGACY LIVES ON. I THINK
18 SHE DESERVES ANOTHER BIG, BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TODAY WE HAVE A SEVEN YEAR OLD, STELLA.
23 STELLA, IT'S A LITTLE GIRL. YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4610. IT'S A
24 MALTESE LITTLE GIRL. SHE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. AND I KNOW
25 THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE EVEN FROM MONROVIA WHO WOULD LIKE TO



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1 ADOPT HER, I'M SURE, AM I RIGHT? SEVEN YEARS OLD LITTLE BABY?
2 ANYWAY, SHE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF OUR
3 PET ADOPTION PROGRAM IN DECEMBER OF 1995, EVERY PET THAT HAS
4 BEEN BEFORE THE BOARD HAS BEEN ADOPTED, INCLUDING ONE HORSE.
5 THE HORSE WAS NOT HERE BUT THE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE HORSE WAS
6 HERE. ANYWAY, SO HOPEFULLY WE WILL CONTINUE THAT TRADITION.
7 AND WHEN MY TERM ENDS IN DECEMBER, I HOPE MY COLLEAGUES WILL
8 CONTINUE THIS TRADITION, AS WELL, AND HELP US FIND HOMES FOR
9 ALL OF THESE LITTLE ANIMALS AT OUR SHELTER. SO, ANYWAY.

10 [APPLAUSE.]

11
12 **RECORDING:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR
13 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW
15 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE
16 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE
17 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD
18 HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,
19 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED
20 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE
21 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE
22 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES. SPEAKERS MUST CEASE
23 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT
24 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT
25 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE



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1 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENTS DOES NOT INCLUDE
2 THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.
3 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM
4 UTTERING, WRITING, OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,
5 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSIVE
6 STATEMENTS TOWARDS THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF OR ANY
7 OTHER PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF
8 THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS AND
9 MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY
10 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT
11 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE
12 BOARD MEETING. AND, FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR
13 BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR
14 ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING,
15 PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF.
16 THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE ARE GOING TO CALL UP
19 INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE WANTED TO SPEAK ON ITEMS BEFORE US. BUT
20 BEFORE WE DO THAT, I HAVE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE READ A
21 STATEMENT.

22

23 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. OPERATING
24 WITHIN EXISTING BOARD RULES, TIME FOR PUBLIC INPUT WILL BE
25 ALLOCATED AS FOLLOWS: A SPEAKER IS GIVEN TOTAL OF THREE



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1 MINUTES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL ITEMS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN
2 HELD BY A SUPERVISOR FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR REPORT MATTERS
3 INCLUDING CLOSED SESSION. FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, THE
4 THREE ITEMS THAT WERE HELD WILL BE HELD AS ONE ITEM, AND THE
5 TIME WILL BE PRESENTED AT A LATER TIME.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I DO WANT TO CLARIFY FOR THE
8 AUDIENCE. WE DID HAVE SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS THAT WANTED TO SPEAK
9 ON ITEM 2. I HAVE HELD THAT ITEM AS CHAIR SO THAT WE COULD
10 HAVE A DISCUSSION ON IT. SO PLEASE KNOW THAT. SO I WILL BEGIN
11 BY CALLING UP THE FOLLOWING SPEAKERS. ADAM COHEN, ITEM 3. GED
12 KENSLEA, ITEM 3. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ITEM 3 AND 17. ERIC
13 PREVEN, ITEM 1-D, 3-D, 5, 11, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23, 26, 27,
14 33 AND 35. SIR, INTRODUCE YOURSELF, PLEASE, GO AHEAD.

15

16 **ADAM COHEN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE
17 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ADAM COHEN. I AM THE DIRECTOR
18 OF ADVOCACY AND POLICY RESEARCH AT A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE
19 FOUNDATION. BACK IN APRIL OF 2013, IN RESPONSE TO THE LETHAL
20 CASES OF MENINGITIS AMONG MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN IN L.A.
21 COUNTY AND NEW YORK, A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION BEGAN
22 OFFERING FREE VACCINES AT ITS L.A. COUNTY WELLNESS CENTERS. IN
23 THE SPAN OF ONE WEEK, A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION PROVIDED
24 OVER 3300 FREE MENINGITIS VACCINES TO THE L.A. COUNTY
25 COMMUNITY. TODAY IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE L.A. COUNTY



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1 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WILL ADDRESS THIS CURRENT OUTBREAK
2 WITH NIMBLENESS AND AUTHORITY. A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
3 WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER FREE MENINGITIS VACCINES AT OUR FOUR
4 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WELLNESS CENTERS AT HOLLYWOOD, WEST ADAMS,
5 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND LONG BEACH. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
6 SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR PUTTING FORWARD A MOTION REQUESTING THAT
7 THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH DRAFT
8 RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCREASE VACCINATION RATES. I ALSO ASK THAT
9 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REQUEST THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO COLLABORATE WITH THE CENTERS
11 FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION TO STUDY WHY HALF OF THE 12
12 CASES THIS YEAR IN L.A. COUNTY OCCURRED AMONG MEN WHO HAVE SEX
13 WITH MEN. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

16

17 **GED KENSLEA:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS GED KENSLEA.
18 I'M THE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR FOR A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE
19 FOUNDATION. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY
20 TO SPEAK AND THE BOARD, AS WELL. FIRST I'D ALSO LIKE TO ECHO
21 ADAM COHEN'S THANKS TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR INTRODUCING THIS
22 MOTION ON THE LATEST OUTBREAK OR INCIDENTS OF MENINGITIS THAT
23 IS HAVING A DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT ON GAY AND BISEXUAL MEN IN
24 THE COUNTY, AND MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN. HOWEVER THIS IS NOW
25 THE THIRD TIME WE'VE EXPERIENCED THIS DEADLY IMPACT OF



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1 MENINGITIS ON M.S.M., WITH TWO DEATHS IN 2013 IN GAY MEN,
2 INCLUDING THE DEATH OF A STUDENT IN SAN DIEGO. AND BEYOND
3 SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S MOTION, WE, A.H.F., BELIEVE THAT IT'S TIME
4 FOR CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT
5 OF PUBLIC HEALTH. SPECIFICALLY WE'RE ASKING THAT DR. JEFFREY
6 GUNZENHAUSER AND CYNTHIA HARDING, WHO HAVE BEEN SERVING AS
7 INTERIM CAPACITIES, STEP DOWN. DESPITE THE FACT THAT PUBLIC
8 HEALTH OFFICIALS KNEW MANY OF THESE CASES BY THE END OF MAY,
9 THE FIRST HEALTH ALERT FOR MENINGITIS WAS ISSUED FRIDAY, JUNE
10 24TH, AFTER GAY PRIDES WERE HELD IN LONG BEACH, WEST HOLLYWOOD
11 AND ORANGE COUNTY, THE EVENTS WHERE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF
12 GAY MEN GATHERED. IT HAS BEEN THREE YEARS SINCE DR. JONATHAN
13 FIELDING STEPPED DOWN AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
14 MEDICINE-- DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT AND CHIEF MEDICAL
15 OFFICER. A NATIONAL SEARCH IS URGENTLY NEEDED TO FILL THIS
16 CRITICAL PUBLIC HEALTH POSITION. MENINGITIS IS A KNOWN ENEMY,
17 BUT ONE THE COUNTY HAS NOT MANAGED WELL. WITH THREATS LIKE
18 ZIKA, EBOLA AND OTHER EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES POTENTIALLY
19 ON THE HORIZON IN OUR INCREASINGLY SMALL WORLD, IT IS
20 IMPERATIVE THAT WE HAVE LEADERSHIP UP TO THE TASK TO MANAGE
21 THE PUBLIC HEALTH OF THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY.
22 THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY IS TOO IMPORTANT TO
23 IGNORE. THANK YOU.
24



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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, I'LL GRAB HIS MINUTE. IT'S ERIC PREVEN
2 FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.

3

4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MR. PREVEN, HOLD ON A SECOND. ARE THERE
5 OTHER SPEAKERS ON THIS PARTICULAR ITEM? I'M SORRY, YOU'LL GET
6 YOUR FULL-TIME, OF COURSE. ARE THERE OTHER SPEAKERS ON ITEM 3?
7 OH, OKAY, THANK YOU, BECAUSE I WANT TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT IT
8 AFTERWARDS. SORRY, MR. PREVEN.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS DO I.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** PLEASE START OVER.

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
15 DISTRICT AND I AM ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THAT MENINGITIS. NOW
16 I'VE COMPLETELY LOST MY TRAIN OF THOUGHT BUT THAT'S OKAY, I'LL
17 COME RIGHT BACK TO IT. YEAH. SO ITEM 23, WE'LL START WITH
18 MAYOR ANTONOVICH'S PARTNERING UP WITH ANNENBERG, WE ARE GOING
19 TO GET THE ANIMAL CONTROL. I THINK THEY'RE DONATING \$100,000
20 TO ANIMAL CONTROL. I SAY, LET'S FINALLY DO WHAT WE NEED TO DO,
21 WHICH IS GET RID OF THOSE RIDICULOUS SCANNERS THAT DON'T
22 REALLY WORK AND GET SOME DOGS INTO OUR JAIL SYSTEM TO HELP OUT
23 WITH PREVENTING CONTRABAND. IT'S TIME, SIR. I THINK ANNENBERG
24 WILL JOIN UP. I'LL EVEN MAKE A PERSONAL CALL IF NECESSARY ON
25 THAT ONE. ITEM NO. 16 WE'RE UPGRADING THE OFFICE IN



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1 WASHINGTON. IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE A GOOD OFFICE FOR LOBBYISTS
2 IN WASHINGTON, D.C. I WAS JUST WONDERING IF YOU KNOW ABOUT A
3 GROUP CALLED NATIONAL STRATEGIES L.L.C.? I THINK IT'S A
4 LOBBYIST GROUP THAT SOMETIMES EMPLOYS BERGOFF, THAT SOMETIMES
5 WORKS FOR TASER. WE SHOULD BE WATCHING THAT GROUP A LITTLE
6 CLOSELY AT THIS TIME, FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS THAT HAVE TO DO
7 WITH ITEM 2. I'LL COME BACK ON THAT. ITEM 17 IS AN
8 EMBARRASSMENT ISSUE , SO WE HAVE TO GET IT OUT OF THE WAY
9 EARLY, AND MOVE FORWARD TO NICER SPACE. THIS IS THE GRAND
10 JURY'S LOOK-SEE AT THE CORONER, WHERE SADLY STACKS OF BODIES,
11 AS WE ALL HEARD A COUPLE MONTHS AGO, WE ARE MAKING STEPS IN
12 THE DIRECTION OF IMPROVING THAT SITUATION. BUT HONESTLY,
13 FORENSIC PATHOLOGY IS NOT A RATE WE SHOULD BE NEGOTIATING
14 WITH. THEY PAY PEOPLE A CERTAIN AMOUNT. WE HAVE TO GET PEOPLE
15 TO DO THE JOB AND THERE'S ALL THERE IS TO IT. ITEM NO. 5, I
16 LOOK FORWARD TO MORE OLYMPIC PRESENTATIONS. WE HAVE NOT HAD
17 ANY AND WE'RE GETTING VERY CLOSE. ITEM NO. 11, MY EYES NARROW
18 AS IT'S PARKS AND REC .MONTH. I SAW MS. GARCIA AND MR. WICKER
19 COLLECTING KUDOS TODAY. I MUST TELL YOU, I'M VERY UPSET ABOUT
20 THE ITEM LAST WEEK IN WHICH WE INCREASED THE AUTHORIZATION ON
21 A CONSULTANT PANEL FROM 1 MILLION TO 5 MILLION, UP TO POSSIBLY
22 \$150 MILLION. STAND WITH ME AND SUPERVISOR KNABE AND LET'S
23 UNDO THAT NONSENSE. IT'S CRAZY. I MEAN, REALLY. ITEM NO. 3-D,
24 WE NEED TO JUST GIVE A LITTLE SNIFF TO, BECAUSE THESE ARE
25 PEOPLE HELPING OUT AND PACKAGING UP DONATIONS THAT WE THEN



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1 DISTRIBUTE TO THE FOLKS WHO NEED IT. THEY'RE OUT OF BELL. IT'S
2 ONLY \$100,000. IT'S CALLED SHELTER PARTNERSHIP, INC. I'D GIVE
3 IT A QUICK SNIFF. SUPERVISOR SOLIS OBVIOUSLY SUPPORTS IT, BUT
4 HER SENSE OF WHAT'S FAIR AND NOT NEEDS TO BE OCCASIONALLY
5 CHECKED JUST BY SANE FOLKS IN THE DISTRICT. ITEM NO. 26 IS
6 SOMETHING CALLED DELIBERATE INDIFFERENCE. NOW WE'VE CONTINUED
7 THIS ITEM. DELIBERATE INDIFFERENCE, AS THOSE KNOW, IS WHERE
8 FOLKS WHO HAVE A SYSTEMIC PROBLEM KIND OF LOOK THE OTHER WAY,
9 DON'T DEAL WITH IT. DELIBERATE INDIFFERENCE IS A TERRIBLE
10 CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS. SO I WOULD URGE THIS BOARD TO MOVE
11 FORWARD AND MAKE A DECISION TO END THIS FAIR AND SQUARE. ITEM
12 2-D, IT IS FAIR TO SAY TO MAYOR ANTONOVICH, HE'S DEVELOPING
13 SOME OF HIS TERRITORY NEAR THE PITCHES FACILITY. BUT
14 REDEVELOPMENT'S ALWAYS GOOD, I GUESS. BUT THIS PROPERTY COULD
15 BE SPRUCED UP. BUT TO NOT CALL IT THE HONOR RANCH ON THE FACE
16 OF THE ITEM SENDS A SIGNAL THAT YOU DON'T WANT US TO KNOW THAT
17 YOU WANT TO CALL IT THE HONOR RANCH. OF COURSE SOME OF US WANT
18 TO MAKE THE JOKE IT'S THE DISHONOR RANCH AND WE CAN'T DO IT
19 UNLESS YOU PUT IT ON THE FACE OF THE PAGE, SO PLEASE DO THAT.
20 ITEM 33, I'M HAPPY TO REPORT, WE ARE BRINGING BRUCAL BACK.
21 THIS IS A PUBLIC HEALTH CHARACTER WHO IS BEING INVITED BACK ON
22 180 DAY FOR A SUBSTANTIAL SUM. MADAME CHAIR, YOU WANT TO
23 POLICE THE TIME OR JUST LET ME RAMBLE ON? I'M HAPPY TO GO.
24 I'VE GOT SEVERAL ITEMS. I MAY AS WELL JUST TAKE IT. NEVER
25 BRING UP THAT THEY'RE TRYING--



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU.

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4 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
5 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM NO. 3, ON THE MENINGOCOCCEMIA,
6 I AM VERY GLAD YOU BRING THAT TO THEIR ATTENTION. BUT THE
7 PEOPLE AT RISK ARE NOT NOT ONLY M.S.M., BUT PLACE WE HAVE HUGE
8 CROWDS LIKE IN COLLEGE AND SO ON. THOSE ARE AREAS WHO WILL
9 NEED TO BE ALSO ALERTED TO THE POTENTIAL. I THINK THAT IT'S
10 TIMES THAT MAYBE WE LOOK FOR A PERMANENT HEAD OF PUBLIC HEALTH
11 AND MENTAL HEALTH AND SO ON. NOTHING IS HAPPENING QUICKLY. AND
12 I THINK THE INTERIM INDIVIDUALS HAVE DONE A GOOD WORK, BUT I
13 THINK IT'S ALWAYS BETTER WHEN A DEPARTMENT HAS A FULL-TIME
14 INDIVIDUAL AT THE HEAD. IT'S MUCH MORE EASY TO MAKE THE RIGHT
15 DECISION OR THE WRONG DECISION. ON ITEM NUMBER 17, HAVING TO
16 DO WITH A REPORT FROM THE CIVIL GRAND JURY, YOU KNOW, WE
17 SHOULDN'T HAVE NEEDED THE GRAND JURY REPORT TO MAKE THE
18 CORRECTION. AND THE ISSUE ABOUT HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THOSE
19 STAFF, OF BODIES NOT BEING TAKEN CARE OF OR THE RESEARCH BEING
20 DONE ON CADAVERS TO ESTABLISH THE REASON OF DEATH, I THINK
21 IT'S PATHETIC. AND I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE NOT LOST THE HEAD OF
22 THAT DEPARTMENT BECAUSE HE WAS UNDERPAID AND I BROUGHT THAT
23 ISSUE TO THE BOARD. I THINK THAT PREVENTS INDIVIDUALS TO
24 REALLY BRING ISSUES TO THE BOARD, IS THERE GOING TO BE
25 RETALIATED AGAINST ON IT? SO I THINK YOU SHOULD MOVE WITH



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1 DILIGENCE TO REALLY STAFF THAT DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATELY SO
2 PEOPLE ARE TAKEN CARE OF. IN THE PAST, SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS
3 BEEN THE SPOKESPERSON FOR THOSE DEAD PEOPLE WITH NO
4 RECOGNITION. SO I HOPE SOMEBODY WILL TAKE THE BAG AND DO IT
5 AFTER HE LEAVES. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I HAVE JOSEPH MAIZLISH HELD ITEM 2-D
8 AND 7 AND HOLLY SCHROEDER HOLDING ITEM 2-D AND 7. ARNOLD
9 SACHS, ITEM 1-D, 2-D, 1-P, 7, 14. AND THEN WE'LL TURN TO
10 LANCASTER. GOOD MORNING. JUST PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, MA'AM.

11

12 **HOLLY SCHROEDER:** I'M HOLLY SCHROEDER. I AM PRESIDENT AND
13 C.E.O. OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
14 CORPORATION. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN
15 FAVOR OF ITEM 7 AND 2-D. THE HONOR RANCH PRESENTS A GREAT
16 OPPORTUNITY TO ACTIVATE SOME COUNTY PROPERTY TO CREATE A
17 STATE-OF-THE-ART, SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PARK THAT WILL PROVIDE
18 THOUSANDS OF JOBS FOR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. MY ORGANIZATION,
19 THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, IS
20 DEDICATED TO GROWING HIGH QUALITY JOBS. WE WORK IN PARTNERSHIP
21 WITH THE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. AND IN THIS
22 INSTANCE, WE REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH L.A. COUNTY,
23 THE SHERIFF AND THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO CREATE A SUCCESSFUL
24 DEVELOPMENT SO WE MEET NOT ONLY THE NEEDS OF-- THE
25 INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS OF THE COUNTY AND THE SHERIFF, BUT ALSO



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1 ADVANCE THE COUNTY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOB GROWTH
2 GOALS. SO I ASK YOU TO SUPPORT THE MOTION AND GET THIS
3 WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY MOVING. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR GOOD JOB, HOLLY.

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

8

9 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS. MY
10 NAME IS JOE MAIZLISH. WHAT I'D LIKE TO BRING UP ON THIS LAND
11 USE IS AN ISSUE OF HOW DO WE TEST THE USES OF LAND GENERALLY,
12 AS WELL AS SPECIFIC PROJECTS LIKE THIS, SO THAT THEY BEST
13 CONFORM WITH WHAT ARE THE GREATEST COUNTY NEEDS? LAST OCTOBER,
14 YOU HAD THE HOUSING HOMELESSNESS ISSUE. AND I REMEMBER
15 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS SAYING WE ARE LOSING GROUND. AND
16 ACTUALLY WHEN YOU FOLKS AUTHORIZE PARTICULAR USES OF
17 PROPERTIES, I'D LIKE TO HAVE IT DONE IN CONCERT IN MAYBE A
18 SOCIAL IMPACT REPORT, LIKE WE DO HAVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
19 REPORTS, AND SEE IF THE CONTEMPLATED USE OR THE PROPOSED USE
20 BY DEVELOPMENT PEOPLE REALLY CONFORMS WITH THE GREATEST NEEDS.
21 WE TALK A LOT ABOUT HOMELESSNESS. HOMELESSNESS IN PART RESULTS
22 FROM A HOUSING CRISIS. HOW IS LAND BEING USED? I UNDERSTAND
23 THAT THESE PROPOSALS HAVE AS ONE OF THE GOALS CREATING A
24 REVENUE STREAM FOR THE COUNTY. I DON'T BEGRUDGE. I SUPPORT
25 YOUR RECOGNITION OF NEEDS FOR FINANCING FOR REVENUES. BUT



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1 LET'S NOT HAVE A PARTICULAR DEVELOPMENT ATTRACT THE COUNTY
2 FROM A STRONGER SOCIAL USE JUST BECAUSE OF THE REVENUE NEEDS.
3 WE DO HAVE TO FIGHT FOR REVENUE, BUT LET'S BE VERY CAUTIOUS IN
4 HOW WE ASSIGN THE LAND. IT SHOULDN'T BE BASED JUST ON THE
5 NEEDS FOR REVENUE. THERE ARE THE SOCIAL ISSUES THAT ARE
6 INVOLVED WITH EVERY PIECE OF LAND THAT WE RELY ON YOU TO USE
7 AND TO HAVE PRIVATE SECTOR USE IN THE BEST WAY FOR ALL OF US
8 IN THE COUNTY. THANK YOU. SO A SOCIAL IMPACT REPORT, I
9 ADVOCATE FOR ALL OF THESE DECISIONS.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. BY
14 THE WAY, NO BOSTON OLYMPICS. BETTER HOUSING, BETTER SCHOOLS,
15 SAFER STREETS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR NEW POLICY ON SIGNS IN THE
16 BOARDROOM, MADAME CHAIR. I, TOO, HELD ITEM 1-P, THE PARKS AND
17 OPEN SPACE DISTRICT AND I'M SOMEWHAT UPSET ABOUT THAT, TOO.
18 THE \$30 MILLION CONTRACTS YOU MADE. THIS IS FROM AUGUST 5,
19 2014, A MOTION BY SUPERVISORS YAROSLAVSKY AND KNABE. AND I'M
20 GOING TO READ PART OF IT. "ADDITIONALLY, THROUGH THE KEEN
21 STEWARDSHIP OF ITS PROGRAM, THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE
22 DISTRICT THAT WAS CREATED TO ADMINISTER PROPOSITION A HAS
23 GENERATED OVER \$340 MILLION WORTH OF EXCESS FUNDS." AND THEN
24 IT WAS SOMETHING ELSE ABOUT \$211 MILLION IN FUNDS FROM
25 PROPOSITION A FROM '92 TO '96. WHAT CAUGHT ME IN THE NEEDS



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1 ASSESSMENT OF LAST WEEK WAS, SOMEBODY MADE A PRESENTATION FROM
2 THE BOARD, FROM THE COUNTY, ABOUT LEAD PAINT AT PARKS
3 PROPERTIES. I'M THINKING LEAD PAINT AND PARKS PROPERTY. YOU'D
4 THINK THAT WOULD BE RIGHT AT THE TOP OF THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT.
5 AND IT STILL HASN'T BEEN DONE. WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THAT?
6 WELL, WE GET AN ANSWER FROM THE BOARD, I'M SURE. I ALSO HELD
7 ITEM 7, 125 ACRES. NOW THIS WAS IN THE NEWSPAPER JULY 7TH.
8 "HOUSING MACHINE MAY BE NEEDED IF BONDS PASS. L.A. MAY GO ON A
9 LAND BUYING BINGE." CITY OF LOS ANGELES NEEDS TO BUY PROPERTY
10 TO BUILD HOUSES. THE COUNTY PROVIDES SERVICES, THE CITY
11 PROVIDES HOUSING, 125 ACRES. DO YOU SEE A CONNECTION THERE? DO
12 YOU SEE SOMETHING LIKE A SYNERGY THERE WHERE THE COUNTY GOT
13 THE PROPERTY AND THE CITY NEEDS THE LAND. NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.
14 SO MUCH FOR HOMELESSNESS. AND THE OLYMPIC VILLAGES THAT YOU'RE
15 TALKING ABOUT, THE 10, 11 SITES THAT HAVE BEEN LOOKED AT, NOT
16 GOING TO HAPPEN THERE, EITHER. SO WHAT IS THE CITY GOING TO
17 DO? AND WE COULD USE THEIR EXPERIENCE FOR REDEVELOPMENT. HOW
18 MUCH REDEVELOPMENT PROCESS WAS USED FOR LOW INCOME HOUSING? WE
19 DON'T EVEN WANT TO GO THERE. I HELD ITEM 14, THE SPECIAL
20 MEETING MINUTES, SPECIAL MINUTE MEETINGS. WHO KNOWS? AGAIN,
21 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ALWAYS IS WONT TO BLAME THE CITY FOR THE
22 SITUATION AT PORTER RANCH. SO I'M THINKING ABOUT THE GOLD LINE
23 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY WAY BACK WHEN YOU MADE THE MOTION AT
24 METRO TO CREATE THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY EVEN
25 THOUGH THE BLUE LINE ALREADY EXISTED THROUGH STATE LAW.



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1 ANYBODY HERE COULD TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT CONSTRUCTION
2 AUTHORITIES THAT WOULD BE A BIG HELP. BUT YOU MENTIONED ED
3 REYES. ED REYES, MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE ZIKA DISEASE ITSELF,
4 AND YOU'RE GOING TO BRING HIM IN TO DO PARKS WORK? SO, ANYWAY,
5 MORE TO FOLLOW.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, WE'RE NOW GOING TO GO TO
8 LANCASTER. DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS HAS HELD ITEM 1 AND C.S.-
9 3. AND MR. MICHAEL JENKINS HAS HELD ITEM C.S.-3. AND FOR DIANA
10 BEARD, I'M SORRY, 1-P HAS ALSO BEEN HELD. HELLO?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** COMING RIGHT UP.

13

14 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
15 THIS IS DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS. I'M GOING TO SPEAK ON 1-P
16 MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE AND HOPEFULLY THINGS WILL COME UP
17 ALONG THE LINE THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO COMMENT ON OTHER AREAS.
18 I WANTED TO REITERATE WHAT THE GENTLEMAN JUST SAID BEFORE ME
19 IN TERMS OF THE CONSULTING CONTRACT THAT WAS PASSED LAST WEEK,
20 DESPITE THE FACT THAT I TRIED TO GIVE EXAMPLES OF HOW GOING
21 FROM \$1 MILLION TO \$5 MILLION WAS AN ABOMINATION. I'M
22 CONCERNED ABOUT 1-P BECAUSE I THINK THAT, ONCE AGAIN, I
23 UNDERSTOOD THAT KNABE HAD VOTED NO AND I WAS VERY PROUD OF
24 HIM. ANTONOVICH IS ASKING, THE REST OF YOU, THE OTHER THREE OF
25 YOU JUST WENT ALONG WITH IT, AS IF WE WERE JUST NODDING THEIR



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1 HEADS AND SAYING, "YES, LET'S GO WITH IT." AND I DON'T THINK
2 THAT THE OTHER THREE OF YOU HAVE ENOUGH EXPERIENCE, ENOUGH
3 INSIGHT AND ENOUGH UNDERSTANDING OF MUCH OF WHAT THE WOMAN
4 SAID TO YOU IS GIBBERISH. AND IF I WAS THERE AND I COULD HAVE
5 SPOKEN TO HER ONE-ON-ONE IN TERMS OF THE RESPONSES THAT SHE
6 GAVE SUPERVISOR KNABE, I ASSURE YOU I WOULD HAVE PUT HER UNDER
7 THE TABLE AND UNDER THE FLOOR BECAUSE I HAVE HEARD THAT OVER
8 AND OVER AGAIN, AND I'M REALLY ASHAMED THAT YOU DID APPROVE
9 IT. AND I THINK THAT THE GENTLEMAN WHO SPOKE BEFORE ME SAYS
10 THAT IF WE LOOK AT ALL THE OTHER THINGS WE'RE SPENDING MONEY
11 ON, FOR THE THREE OF YOU TO JUST HAPPEN TO SIT BACK, MARK
12 THUMBING HIS TIE, SHEILA KUEHL, WHO I USED TO HAVE SUCH GREAT
13 RESPECT FOR JUST AGREE WITH IT, AND YOU BEING POKER FACED,
14 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND AGREEING WITH IT, AND NOT LISTENING TO
15 THE VERY INTENSE, SIGNIFICANT, PROVOCATIVE QUESTIONS OF DON
16 KNABE. YOU APPROVED SOMETHING THAT CERTAINLY PUT MANY HANDS IN
17 THE COOKIE JAR. I THINK THAT'S SHAMEFUL. THE OTHER AREAS THAT
18 I WANT TO SPEAK ON ARE IN GREAT DETAIL, ARE IN GREAT DEPTH AND
19 I WILL BE SPEAKING ON THEM AT A LATER DATE BECAUSE I THINK
20 THAT AS I START TO WRITE COLUMNS AGAIN ONCE AGAIN FOR
21 NEWSPAPERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, LARGE NEWSPAPERS, I WANT TO BE
22 ABLE TO SAY THAT I DID GO THROUGH THE PROCESS. I DID GO TO THE
23 L.A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I DID INFORM YOU OF ALL OF THESE
24 THINGS AND NO ONE, NO ONE TOOK THE INSIGHT TO CONSTRUCT, HAVE
25 INSIGHT, LOOK INTO THEM. AND I THINK IT'S SHAMEFUL AND IT'S



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1 BEEN GOING ON FOR BETWEEN 20 AND 30 YEARS. SO THANK YOU,
2 SUPERVISOR KNABE, FOR THE VOTE YOU MADE LAST WEEK BECAUSE I
3 THINK THAT IT SHOWED THE INTELLIGENCE AND THE DEPTH OF YOUR
4 INSIGHT OF THE GIBBERISH THAT YOU WERE TOLD IN TERMS OF
5 ANSWERS. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES-- OH,
8 SUPERVISOR YES, KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WANTED TO
9 SPEAK ON ITEM 3.

10

11 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I WANTED TO ASK IF DIRECTOR HARDING WAS
12 HERE.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BOTH THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER AND THE
15 PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR.

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I DON'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR YOU BECAUSE
18 OF COURSE WE'VE HAD LOTS OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THIS,
19 WHICH IS THE REASON I BROUGHT THE ITEM TODAY TO CONTINUE TO
20 WORK WITH PUBLIC HEALTH. BUT SINCE 2014, PUBLIC HEALTH HAS
21 BEEN WORKING TO GET PEOPLE VACCINATED. YOU KNOW, WE'VE HAD A
22 NUMBER OF ISSUES WITH VACCINATIONS ACROSS-THE-BOARD. AND I
23 SIMPLY WANTED TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT AND THE POSITIVE ASPECT OF
24 OUR WORK TOGETHER. I THINK ONCE THE STATE IDENTIFIED THE FOUR
25 CASES THIS YEAR WHICH THEY CALLED AN OUTBREAK, WHICH IS A



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1 LITTLE LOWER THRESHOLD THAN USUAL, I BELIEVE THAT THE
2 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH DID WELL IN RESPONDING. I THINK
3 A.H.F. IS CORRECT. SEVERAL YEARS AGO, I BELIEVE THE DEPARTMENT
4 WAS SLOW IN RESPONDING. MY COMMUNITY WAS EXTREMELY UPSET. BUT
5 IN THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE, I BELIEVE THAT YOU'VE ACTED WELL AND
6 RESPONSIVELY. I SIMPLY WANTED TO SAY SO.

7

8 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I WANTED TO THANK YOU
9 FOR YOUR COMMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGE THEM AND TO REITERATE WE
10 APPRECIATE YOUR MOTION AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO REPORTING BACK
11 TO YOU ON ALL THE WORK WE'RE CURRENTLY DOING AND WILL BE
12 DOLING IN THE FUTURE. WE BELIEVE THAT A.H.F. AND THE COUNTY,
13 WE HAVE SOME OF THE SAME GOALS IN MIND HERE, WHICH IS TO
14 VACCINATE AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO
15 WORKING WITH THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY ON THIS ISSUE.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I JUST WANT TO WEIGH IN, IN SUPPORT OF THE
18 MOTION THAT IS BEFORE US. THE PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS ARE
19 CLEAR. THIS IS WHY SUPERVISOR KUEHL BROUGHT IT FORWARD FOR THE
20 BOARD TO GIVE DIRECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT TO ENGAGE
21 APPROPRIATELY. IT SEEMS TO ME THE DEPARTMENT IS ALREADY
22 ATTENTIVE TO THE ISSUE AND PREPARED TO ADDRESS IT IN THE WAY
23 THAT TRAINED PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO PUBLIC HEALTH
24 AND PUBLIC SERVICE WOULD BE INCLINED TO DO. TO THE EXTENT THAT
25 THE OPPORTUNITY WAS SEIZED UPON TO TAKE YET ANOTHER SHOT AT



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1 PUBLIC HEALTH, LET ME JUST SIMPLY RAISE MY VOICE TO SUGGEST
2 THAT THAT IS HARDLY ANYTHING THAT I AM PREPARED TO ENTERTAIN
3 IN TERMS OF AN ATTACK ON THE PROFESSIONALISM OF THE DIRECTOR
4 AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
5 IN MY VIEW, YOU ARE DOING YOUR JOB COMPETENTLY, IN GOOD STEAD
6 MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD AND THEY CAN SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. ANY
7 ATTACK ON THE PART OF A.H.F. TO THAT EFFECT WILL BE DISMISSED
8 OUT OF HAND BECAUSE IT IS UNWARRANTED. MADAME CHAIR?

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS?

11

12 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR ON AGENDA ITEM NO. 7,
13 THERE'S AN AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR
14 HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AND IF NECESSARY CREATE A FUNDING
15 AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY TO ACCEPT THE UP TO \$455,000.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

18

19 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.
20 ITEM 1-D, 2-D, 3-D, 1-P, 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21,
21 23, 26, 33, AND 35.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THOSE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY
24 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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1 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** AND MADAME CHAIR, THERE IS A
2 REQUEST FROM COUNTY COUNSEL TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THESE ITEMS-- WE WILL DISPENSE WITH
5 THE ITEMS ON CONSENT CALENDAR, IS THAT CORRECT?

6

7 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** YES, MA'AM, ITEMS C.S.-1, C.S.-2,
8 AND C.S.-3.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO REQUEST A ROLL CALL.

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12 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** OKAY, THIS IS A ROLL CALL VOTE ON
13 ADJOURNING AND CONVENING INTO CLOSED SESSION. CONVENING INTO
14 CLOSED SESSION.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, HOLD A MINUTE. LET'S RECOGNIZE
17 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KUEHL.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE ISSUE IS THAT WE RECEIVED NOTIFICATION
20 FROM COUNSEL LATE LAST EVENING PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BEFORE
21 US. WE HAVE NOT BEEN BRIEFED. IT SEEMS TO ME, BEFORE GOING
22 FORWARD, THAT WOULD BE HIGHLY ADVISABLE. THEREFORE, I SIMPLY
23 THINK THAT THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNTY COUNSEL'S REQUEST THAT
24 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, MADAME CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.



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1 SHOULD IT REQUIRE A VOTE, I'M PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE REQUEST
2 OF COUNSEL TO DO SO.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** GENERALLY, OF COURSE, I WOULD SAY YES, BUT
7 I THINK IN THIS CASE SO MANY PEOPLE ARE HERE ABOUT THE ISSUE
8 OF HOW WE'RE THINKING ABOUT FUNDING, OR TRYING TO, SERVICES
9 FOR OUR HOMELESS INITIATIVE. AND I THINK-- I DON'T KNOW WHAT
10 THE ISSUE WOULD BE FOR CLOSED SESSION BECAUSE AS I UNDERSTAND
11 IT, COUNSEL HAS QUITE A POWERPOINT TO PRESENT TO US ON THESE
12 DIFFERENT ISSUES. MY OWN FEELING, I LOVE CLOSED SESSION. WE
13 GET TO ACTUALLY TALK TO EACH OTHER ABOUT STUFF. BUT IN THIS
14 CASE, MY FEELING IS I THINK I WOULD NOT SEE THE NECESSITY TO
15 GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR SUCH A BRIEFING AND LET US JUST
16 HEAR INFORMATION IN PUBLIC. BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW MY
17 COLLEAGUES-- I THINK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WOULD PREFER THE
18 BRIEFING. I THINK WE SHOULD CONTINUE IN OPEN SESSION.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD CONCUR. I FEEL THAT WE HAD A
21 BRIEFING WITH YOUR STAFF, AND I DID LOOK OVER THE MATERIALS
22 THAT WE DID GET. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE WE HAVE SO
23 MANY PEOPLE HERE PRESENT TODAY, THERE WILL BE A LOT OF
24 QUESTIONS THAT WE CAN ASK. SO I JUST HAVE A CONCERN THAT SO



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1 MANY PEOPLE ARE HERE AND THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN WE'RE NOW DOING
2 SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THE ONLY CONCERN IS THAT WE HAVE A
5 CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION ABOUT
6 WHICH WE PRESUMABLY CAN'T ASK QUESTIONS AND ON WHICH WE HAVE
7 NOT BEEN BRIEFED BECAUSE IT WAS RELEASED LATE YESTERDAY
8 EVENING. THUS, THE WISDOM OF SAYING WE SHOULD THEN HAVE AN
9 OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THE CONVERSATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL. IF
10 THE MAJORITY OF THE BOARD THINKS OTHERWISE, MADAME CHAIR, I'M
11 CLEARLY COMFORTABLE WITH THE CONSIDERATION THAT THE MAJORITY
12 RULES, UNLESS THE MAJORITY VIOLATES THE RIGHTS OF THE
13 MINORITY. AND I DON'T KNOW THAT THAT'S AT STAKE HERE.
14 THEREFORE, IF THERE'S A DESIRE TO VOTE ON IT, I'M PREPARED TO
15 VOTE AYE.

16

17 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE ITEM'S BEFORE YOU, MADAME
18 CHAIR. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM COUNTY
19 COUNSEL TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
20 THOMAS?

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

23

24 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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1 SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: NO.

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3 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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5 SUP. KNABE: AYE.

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7 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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9 SUP. ANTONOVICH: AYE.

10

11 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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13 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: NO.

14

15 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: THE MOTION CARRIES 3-2.

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17 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: OKAY. WE WILL GO INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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19 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT

20 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF

21 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM

22 NO.S C.S.-1 AND C.S.-2, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

23 REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION, AND ITEM NO. C.S.-3, DEPARTMENT

24 HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED

25 AGENDA.



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[CLOSED SESSION]

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SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: MEMBERS, WE'D LIKE TO RECONVENE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH ITEM NO. 2, WHICH I HELD. THIS IS REGARDING BODY CAMERAS. AND AFTERWARDS WE'LL HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC. BUT I ASKED MAX HUNTSMAN, WHO IS OUR INSPECTOR O.I.G. TO PLEASE GIVE US A BRIEF SUMMARY OF WHERE WE ARE AND HOW WE GOT HERE.

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MAX HUNTSMAN: THANK YOU, MAYOR-- OR CHAIR.

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SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: CHAIR.

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MAX HUNTSMAN: SORRY. OLD HABITS. AND SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE. THIS I BELIEVE IS A CRITICAL ISSUE. I KNOW THE BOARD'S, ONE OF YOUR FOUR PRIORITIES FOR BUDGET IS SHERIFF'S REFORM. MONEY'S TIGHT, BUT I THINK THIS IS AN ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL AREA. WITHIN SHERIFF'S REFORM, NOW THAT I'VE HAD 2-1/2 YEARS ON THE JOB AND SIX MONTHS OF THAT WITH COMPLETE ACCESS, I HAVE A STRONG OPINION THAT SUPERVISING OUR DEPUTIES IS THE KEY TO PROPERLY GETTING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO FUNCTION THE WAY WE'D ALL LIKE IT TO FUNCTION. AND THAT INCLUDES A WIDE RANGE OF THINGS FROM

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1 HIRING ALL THE WAY THROUGH SOMETIMES DISCIPLINE. ONE IMPORTANT
2 FUNCTION OF THAT IS BODY CAMERAS. AND WHAT BODY CAMERAS WILL
3 ALLOW US TO DO IS TO ALWAYS BE PRESENT OUT IN THE FIELD WHEN
4 OUR DEPUTIES ARE COMING INTO CONTACT WITH THE PUBLIC. THAT
5 ALLOWS THEIR SUPERVISORS TO TRAIN THEM WELL BEFORE THERE ARE
6 PROBLEMS, TO WORK WITH THEM. IT ALLOWS THEM TO BE CONFIDENT
7 THAT THEY HAVE A RECORD OF THEIR INTERACTION SO THAT IF
8 THEY'RE FALSELY ACCUSED, THEY HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOW THAT THEY
9 BEHAVED PROPERLY. AND THEN ALSO IT ALLOWS US TO HAVE A RECORD
10 IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE BAD THINGS HAPPEN AND THINGS GO WRONG
11 OR THE WAY THEY HAVE TO GO. BUT UNFORTUNATELY THEN THE PUBLIC
12 CAN HAVE THAT VIDEO AVAILABLE. NOW OBVIOUSLY THERE ARE A LOT
13 OF POLICY DECISIONS ABOUT DOES THE INDIVIDUAL GO OUT TO THE
14 PUBLIC IMMEDIATELY? DO THE OFFICERS LOOK AT IT? I AM OF THE
15 OPINION THAT REGARDLESS OF HOW YOU DECIDE THOSE POLICY
16 OPINIONS-- POLICY DECISIONS, BODY-WORN CAMERAS ARE AN
17 ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL PIECE OF SHERIFF'S REFORM AT THIS TIME
18 TODAY. THAT EVEN IF YOU MADE THE MOST RESTRICTIVE DECISIONS IN
19 THAT REGARD, YOU'D STILL BE BETTER OFF WITH BODY CAMERAS IN
20 TERMS OF TRANSPARENCY. HOWEVER, OUR SHERIFF HAS MADE A LOT OF
21 DECISIONS MAYBE THAT ARE NOT FINAL, BUT INDICATED THAT HE HAS
22 SOME VERY PROGRESSIVE IDEAS ABOUT HOW TO HANDLE BODY CAMERA
23 FOOTAGE. AND I THINK THAT'S GREAT. AND WE SHOULD SUPPORT HIM
24 IN THAT. SO I'D LIKE TO SEE THE BODY CAMERA GO FORWARD. I
25 REALIZE IT'S A LARGE CHUNK OF MONEY AND YOU HAVE A LOT OF



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1 THINGS TO SPEND MONEY ON. BUT MY PERSONAL ADVICE TO THE BOARD
2 IS THAT THIS IS THE FIRST PLACE, IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO REFORM
3 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, ALMOST KIND OF CLOSE TO INTERNAL
4 AFFAIRS AND THE FUNCTIONING OF THE DISCIPLINARY SYSTEM, WHICH
5 NEEDS WORK, AS WELL, BUT THIS ONE HAS THE CHANCE TO TRANSFORM
6 BECAUSE ONCE THIS FOOTAGE IS AVAILABLE, IT'S GOING TO CAUSE, I
7 BELIEVE, MORE CONVICTIONS IN APPROPRIATE INSTANCES, MORE
8 DECISIONS EARLY WHEN THE COUNTY HAS LIABILITY, REDUCE
9 LIABILITY AND THE CHANCE TO REALLY PROPERLY SUPERVISE OUR
10 DEPUTIES. SO I THINK IT'S A WIN/WIN ALL AROUND ONCE IT'S IN
11 PLACE. SO I'M 110 PERCENT IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION.

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13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BEFORE I RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
14 I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS. THIS IS SOMETHING
15 THAT I KNOW WHEN WE STARTED ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF AGO ON THE
16 BOARD, THIS WAS A BIG PRIORITY FOR A LOT OF US ON THE BOARD
17 AND I KNOW THAT IT'S TAKEN TIME. AND I KNOW THE PUBLIC HAS
18 BEEN WAITING ON THIS. AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU, YOUR
19 STAFF, AS WELL AS OUR SHERIFF WHO IS ALSO MOVING THE RIGHT
20 DIRECTION. THIS IS GOING TO HELP HEAL A LOT OF TENSION THAT IS
21 PERSISTING ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. BUT I THINK IF LOS ANGELES
22 CAN LEAD, THE COUNTY CAN LEAD, I THINK THAT SETS A GOOD
23 PRECEDENT FOR ALL OF US. AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
24 KUEHL FOR WORKING WITH US ON THIS. AND I WITH HER AND OUR
25 STAFFS, AND THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE IT'S REALLY THE COMMUNITY



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1 THAT I THINK HAS BROUGHT THIS ATTENTION, THIS VERY IMPORTANT
2 ISSUE TO OUR ATTENTION. AND NOW'S THE TIME TO ACT. SO I WANT
3 TO THANK YOU. BUT I ALSO WANT TO JUST COMMENT ON A REPORT THAT
4 I KNOW WE HAD TALKED ABOUT LAST YEAR THAT WE BROUGHT UP. AND
5 IT WAS A STUDY THAT WAS HELD IN RIALTO, CALIFORNIA. WHERE THEY
6 ACTUALLY, THE POLICE WERE THERE USED RANDOMIZED CONTROL STUDY
7 OF THE BODY CAMERAS. SO THEY HAD A GROUP OF OFFICERS THAT HAD
8 CAMERAS AND ANOTHER GROUP THAT DIDN'T. WHAT THEY FOUND OUT AT
9 THE END OF THEIR EXAMINATION IS THAT THOSE THAT HAD THE
10 CAMERAS, YOU COULD SEE A DRAMATICALLY-- DIFFERENCE IN BEHAVIOR
11 AND ATTITUDES AND THERE WAS ALSO REDUCTION IN FORCE. THOSE
12 THAT DIDN'T HAVE THE CAMERAS, OBVIOUSLY, THERE WERE SOME
13 ISSUES THERE. FOR WHATEVER REASON, IT SEEMS TO HAVE WORKED IN
14 THAT ONE CASE STUDY. I'M GLAD WE'RE MOVING NOW AT THIS POINT,
15 AND THAT THE SHERIFF IS WORKING WITH US AND WITH YOU AND WITH
16 THE PUBLIC. AND IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT I THINK ALSO TO GIVE
17 INFORMATION BACK TO THE SHERIFFS, TO THE DEPUTIES THEMSELVES,
18 SO THAT WE ALL LEARN FROM THIS. I DON'T SEE IT AS A PUNITIVE
19 MATTER. I SEE ONE THAT IT'S THE REALITY OF WHAT WE LIVE IN
20 TODAY AND WHAT WE'RE FACING RIGHT NOW. THE PRESIDENT RIGHT NOW
21 IS ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE IN DALLAS. WE'RE SEEING THINGS ALL
22 OVER THAT ARE OCCURRING. I THINK THE MORE TRANSPARENCY WE
23 HAVE, THE BETTER OFF OUR SOCIETY WILL BE. SO I JUST WANT TO
24 SAY THAT AND THANK THE BOARD. AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL, CONGRATS.

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I THINK THIS COMES
2 AT A FORTUNATE AND VERY IMPORTANT TIME WHEN PEOPLE ARE VERY
3 CONCERNED ABOUT TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, PUBLIC
4 CONFIDENCE IN OUR POLICE FORCES. AND I, TOO, WANT TO THANK
5 YOU, MAX, AND TO THANK OUR SHERIFF AND HIS DEPARTMENT, BECAUSE
6 AS YOU KNOW, IN SEPTEMBER 2014, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
7 STARTED A VOLUNTEER PILOT PROGRAM TO TEST BODY CAMS IN FOUR
8 AREAS IN THE COUNTY. AND ALSO NOW ALLOWS DEPUTIES WHO WANT TO,
9 TO USE PRIVATELY PURCHASED BODY-WORN CAMERAS. SO THERE WAS
10 ALREADY BEGINNING TO BE A KIND OF MOVEMENT ABOUT IT WITH AN
11 INTERESTING RECOGNITION THAT IN SO MANY CASES, IT PROTECTS
12 THOSE WHO HAVE INTERACTION WITH PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS. BUT IN
13 MANY WAYS IT ALSO CAN PROTECT THOSE OFFICERS BY SHOWING WHAT
14 ACTUALLY HAPPENED. IT'S ALSO A GOOD LEARNING TOOL, GOOD IN
15 EVERY WAY, I THINK. SO WE WANT TO TAKE EVERY STEP WE CAN TO
16 PROPERLY SUPERVISE AS WELL AS EQUIP LAW ENFORCEMENT WITH THE
17 TOOLS FOR QUALITY, TRANSPARENT AND REALLY THE KIND OF POLICING
18 THAT WE WANT THAT'S ACCOUNTABLE, AS WELL, TO THE PUBLIC. SO
19 THERE ARE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS STILL TO BE ANSWERED. WE WANT
20 TO INVOLVE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE D.A., THE DEFENSE
21 ATTORNEYS WHEN CAMERAS WILL BE ON, IF THEY WILL BE OFF, WHO
22 CAN REVIEW A VIDEO, WHETHER IT'S PRIOR TO OR AFTER. SO THAT'S
23 WHY WE WANT TO REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT THE PLANS WILL BE. I
24 KNOW THE SHERIFF'S CONCERNED ABOUT FUNDING. WE'LL HAVE THIS
25 CONVERSATION WITH HIM. ALSO VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE AMENDMENT



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1 THAT MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, IS OFFERING ABOUT
2 DATA STORAGE, WHICH IS ALSO A VERY IMPORTANT ASPECT. SO THANK
3 YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR THOMAS, RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, BODY-WORN
8 CAMERAS PROVIDE KEY BENEFITS, INCLUDING BETTER EVIDENCE
9 DOCUMENTATION AND INCREASED ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY.
10 IT SEEMS TO ME, IT'S ABUNDANTLY CLEAR FROM RECENT INCIDENTS IN
11 BOTH BATON ROUGE AS WELL AS ST. PAUL IN PARTICULAR, THAT THIS
12 BECOMES RATHER IMPORTANT TO GIVE APPROPRIATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO
13 THE AUTHOR AND THE CO-AUTHOR FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I WANT
14 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, IN ENHANCING
15 THE CONVERSATION AND ELEVATING THIS IN THE INTEREST OF THE
16 PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THE KEY IS THAT WE ROLL
17 THIS OUT NOT JUST WITH EXPEDIENCY BUT ALSO THE DUE DILIGENCE
18 AND THOUGHTFUL PLAN TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THIS TECHNOLOGY.
19 AFTER ALL, WE ARE ESSENTIALLY DISCUSSING TECHNOLOGY.
20 ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY, TECHNOLOGY. THE VIDEO CAPTURING
21 TECHNOLOGY READILY IS AVAILABLE OFF THE SHELF TO RECORD AND
22 TRANSMIT VIDEOS THROUGH WIRED AND WIRELESS CONNECTIONS. VIDEOS
23 FROM BODY-WORN CAMERAS IS ONE FORM OF DIGITAL EVIDENCE. OTHER
24 FORMS INCLUDE A RANGE OF THINGS: CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION,
25 VIDEOS, DIGITAL CONTENT, ET CETERA. THERE'S A LOT GOING ON



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1 HERE, THEREFORE, WE NEED TO BE PRUDENT. THE REAL CHALLENGE IS
2 HOW WE-- HOW AND WHERE DO WE STORE, ORGANIZE, MANAGE AND SHARE
3 THIS CONTENT TO ENSURE OPTIMAL CONTENT SECURITY, PRIVACY AND
4 ALLOW FOR, SHOULD IT BE NECESSARY, INTERDEPARTMENTAL
5 ACCESSIBILITY? WE HAVE TO HAVE ALL OF THAT IN THE 21ST
6 CENTURY, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF YEAR AFTER YEAR OVER THE
7 LAST SEVERAL YEARS OF CONTROVERSIAL OFFICER-INVOLVED
8 SHOOTINGS. THE POINT IS,- WE SEEK TO GET TO THE TRUTH AND THE
9 JUSTICE. AND THESE TOOLS HELP US. SO ANOTHER CRITICAL ELEMENT
10 IS HOW THE COUNTY ROLLS THIS OUT. AND THAT'S HOW THE AMENDMENT
11 THAT I BROUGHT FORWARD THAT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE AUTHOR,
12 MY APPRECIATION, MAKES A DIFFERENCE. HOW WE FOCUS ON STARTING
13 WITH AREAS WHERE THE NEED MAY BE GREATEST, INCLUDING HIGH
14 LEVELS OF USE-OF-FORCE FREQUENCY OF ENGAGEMENT WITH THE
15 MENTALLY ILL AND OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS. IT SEEMS TO ME
16 WOULD BE INTUITIVE TO TRY TO TARGET THAT FROM A PREVENTIVE
17 PERSPECTIVE BASED ON THE HISTORICAL RECORD. AND LASTLY, THE
18 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN THAT'S DEVELOPED, IT'S IMPORTANT TO DO
19 WHATEVER POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT THE CAMERAS REACH THEIR FULL
20 POTENTIAL. THIS UNDERSCORES THAT BODY-WORN CAMERAS AS A POLICY
21 SOLUTION FOR DEPLOYMENT AND PATROL WILL ONLY BE AS GOOD AS THE
22 TECHNOLOGY UTILIZED AND TRAINING IN PLACE TO MANAGE AND
23 OVERSEE. DON'T BUY ANY JUNK. GET THE BEST STUFF, SO THAT WE
24 CAN BE PRUDENT ABOUT THE USE OF TAXPAYERS' DOLLARS AND
25 TECHNOLOGY THAT ENDS UP BEING VERY, VERY TRICKY. WE WANT TO DO



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1 IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME OUT TO THE EXTENT THAT WE CAN. THE
2 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE COMMUNITIES
3 TOUCHES ALL ASPECT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. IT'S FUNDAMENTAL TO ANY
4 SOCIETY THAT VALUES THE RULE OF LAW. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THIS
5 IS A WAY TO MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION. AND THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
6 COMMISSION WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WEIGH IN AT THE
7 APPROPRIATE TIME, AS WELL. MADAME CHAIR, THANK YOU FOR THE
8 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THANK YOU
9 FOR OFFERING THE MOTION. MR. HUNTSMAN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
10 WORK.

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12 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR.

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE ALSO WANT TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR
15 ANTONOVICH AND KNABE.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE BODY CAMERAS, ONCE AGAIN, THEY DO
18 INCREASE THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE ABILITY THAT THE PUBLIC
19 HAS FOR TRANSPARENCY, KNOWING WHAT IS HAPPENING. THIS PROTECTS
20 THE OFFICER, IT PROTECTS THE PUBLIC. I KNOW THE SHERIFF HAS
21 CONCERNS RELATIVE TO THE STORAGE. HOW DO WE SHARE THE
22 INFORMATION THAT WE GATHER? ALL OF THOSE LEGAL DEFINITIONS. SO
23 I SUPPORT THE SHERIFF IN HIS EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE A
24 SYSTEM THAT IS GOING TO BE FOOLPROOF, WILL NOT LEAD TO FUTURE
25 LITIGATION BUT BE TRANSPARENT TO THE PUBLIC SO WE HAVE THE



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1 ACCOUNTABILITY THAT IS NEEDED, WHICH THE BODY CAMERAS WILL
2 PROVIDE.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I THINK MOST EVERYTHING'S BEEN SAID. I THINK
7 THAT OBVIOUSLY AS WE MOVE FORWARD, WE'RE DOING IT IN A VERY
8 THOUGHTFUL WAY, IN A RIGHT WAY, TO MAKE SURE WE GET THE RIGHT
9 KINDS OF PRODUCTS, BECAUSE THERE'S BEEN A SORT OF ONE SIDED
10 PRESENTATION ON MAKING EVERYONE GUILTY. I THINK THIS ALSO
11 HELPS THE OFFICERS WHO ARE OUT THERE EVERY DAY TO HELP
12 EXONERATE THEM IN VARIOUS SITUATIONS BECAUSE IT'S VERY EASY
13 OUT THERE RIGHT NOW TO SAY EXCESSIVE FORCE OR WHATEVER IT MAY
14 BE ON EVERY SINGLE CASE. AND I THINK GIVEN THE RIGHT
15 CONDITIONS AND PARAMETERS AS WE ESTABLISH THIS WHOLE PROCESS
16 WILL NOT ONLY WEED OUT ANY POTENTIAL BAD EGGS BUT ALSO HELP
17 THE DEPUTY ON THE STREET FEELING RESPONSIBLE ENOUGH TO DEAL
18 WITH THIS SITUATION. BECAUSE THE CONCERN YOU HAVE RIGHT NOW IS
19 SORT OF MOVING BACK AND NOT DOING ANYTHING BECAUSE OF THE
20 TENTATIVE NATURE OF WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH OUT THERE RIGHT
21 NOW. HOPEFULLY THIS ALL COMES TOGETHER IN THE RIGHT WAY AND
22 THE SHERIFF GETS HIS ISSUES ADDRESSED. A.L.A.D.S. GET THEIR
23 ISSUES ADDRESSED AND THE PUBLIC GETS THEIR ISSUES ADDRESSED,
24 AND I THINK IN A VERY THOUGHTFUL PROCESS, WE CAN MAKE THIS
25 WORK.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES.

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4 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** I WAS GOING TO ECHO WHAT BOTH CHAIR SOLIS AND
5 SUPERVISOR KNABE TALKED ABOUT. THERE HAVE BEEN STUDIES-- AND
6 THEY'RE NOT UNIVERSAL. IT DEPENDS ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND
7 WHATNOT. BUT THE USE OF THE BODY CAMERA OFTEN CAUSES THE
8 PEOPLE, THE PUBLIC TO BEHAVE IN A MUCH LESS AGGRESSIVE WAY.
9 IT'S OFTEN VERY COMFORTING FOR THE OFFICERS. OFFICERS WHO
10 START TO WEAR THEM, PARTICULARLY YOUNGER OFFICERS TEND TO
11 ADOPT THEM VERY ENTHUSIASTICALLY AS A PROTECTIVE DEVICE FOR
12 THEM, DEFUSING SITUATIONS, AS WELL AS GIVING THEM PROTECTION.
13 SO IT'S ABSOLUTELY THE CASE THAT I THINK THIS IS A WIN/WIN
14 PROPOSAL. AND THEN ON TOP OF THAT, HAVING BEEN A D.A. BEFORE,
15 I CAN TELL YOU, HAVING VIDEO OF WHAT'S HAPPENED ON THE STREET
16 IS GOLD IN COURT. AND SO IF WE CAN MAKE THIS WORK AND IN A WAY
17 THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS SAYS, IN A GLOBAL SENSE, THAT WE
18 INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF DIGITAL EVIDENCE TO OUR VARIOUS
19 COUNTY LEGAL PARTNERS, IT REALLY WILL BE A GAME CHANGER ON A
20 LOT OF FRONTS, NOT JUST AN OVERSIGHT.

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ESPECIALLY VIDEO AND AUDIO THAT WE ARE
25 SEEKING TO GET HERE.



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2 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** ALWAYS PREFERABLE. ABSOLUTELY.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. WE HAVE SEVERAL SPEAKERS
5 THAT WANT TO COME AND ADDRESS THIS BOARD ON THIS ITEM, SO I
6 WILL EXCUSE MR. HUNTSMAN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. WE
7 HAVE ERIC PREVEN, ARNOLD SACHS. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. AND THEN
8 WE'LL GO TO LANCASTER.

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10 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME.
11 IN 2011 OR 2012 THERE WAS AN ARTICLE ABOUT TASER INTERNATIONAL
12 AND SOME GUY WAS QUOTED AS SAYING BODY CAMERAS MAKE EVERYBODY,
13 THE CITIZENS AND THE POLICE OFFICERS BETTER CITIZENS. AND THEY
14 DO A BETTER JOB. AND THEY FEEL THAT THERE'S A SENSE. SO IT'S
15 GOOD WE'RE GOING IN THIS DIRECTION. AND I'M A LITTLE CONCERNED
16 ABOUT THE POLICY ISSUES BECAUSE THEY ARE INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT
17 AND THEY HAVE TO BE RESOLVED. AND THERE'S A LITTLE BIT OF AN
18 INDICATION SHERIFF MCDONNELL RECENTLY BACKED OFF OF SOMETHING
19 HE HAD PROMISED DURING THE CAMPAIGN ABOUT POLICY, IN AND
20 AROUND POLICY, THINGS BEING POSTED ON THE INTERNET. I'M UPSET
21 A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT. BUT I THINK GOING FORWARD, THIS
22 FOOTAGE NEEDS TO BE MADE WIDELY TRANSPARENT. IF IT'S NOT, IT'S
23 SOMETHING ELSE THAT COULD BE USED IN A MANNER THAT IS NOT
24 CONSISTENT WITH WHAT I THINK THE PUBLIC HAS BEEN CLAMORING FOR
25 IN A SENSE. IT'S IMPORTANT TO DISENTANGLE THE TYPES OF



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1 DEVICES, HOWEVER. AND IT'S IMPORTANT. I THINK HUNTSMAN, WHO
2 I'M NOT CONSTANTLY COMPLIMENTING, DESERVES A MEASURE OF CREDIT
3 AND IS TO BE APPLAUDED IN A SMALL SENSE FOR LOOKING CLOSELY AT
4 THESE THINGS AND HEARING FROM DEPUTIES WHO WEIGHED IN, I THINK
5 ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY THAT THE CHEST UNITS WERE NOT AS EFFECTIVE
6 AS THE HEAD UNITS FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS. I WROTE ABOUT IT
7 IN CITYWATCHLA.COM, WHERE YOU CAN ALSO READ FROM MARK RIDLEY-
8 THOMAS A NICE PIECE ABOUT HOMELESSNESS THIS WEEK. BUT I DO
9 FEEL THAT MOVING FORWARD, WE NEED TO BE VERY, VERY CAUTIOUS
10 THAT WE ARE GETTING GOOD EQUIPMENT BUT NOT NECESSARILY THE
11 MOST EXPENSIVE EQUIPMENT. THERE'S A GROUP, AS YOU KNOW CALLED
12 TASER INTERNATIONAL, I MENTIONED. I APPLAUDED THEM ON THE A
13 SIDE AND I'M GOING TO REMIND THAT THIS IS A GROUP THAT HAS
14 BEEN GOING AROUND PUSHING THROUGH SOLE-SOURCE BEHAVIOR.
15 THERE'S A "WALL STREET JOURNAL" ARTICLE IN APRIL ABOUT THIS
16 GROUP AND OF COURSE, ACROSS THE STREET WHERE THE MAYOR RULES,
17 MAYOR GARCETTI, WE HAVE ISSUED CONTRACTS TO THEM THAT NEEDS TO
18 BE CLOSELY LOOKED AT. WE HAVE A SERIOUS PROBLEM. THE D.A.
19 NEEDS TO STEP FORWARD AND HAVE A LOOK AT THE POLICIES THAT
20 WOULD AFFECT BOTH L.A.S.D. AND L.A.P.D. IT MAKES NO SENSE TO
21 HAVE TWO DIFFERENT VIDEO POLICIES HERE IN THIS GREAT COUNTY.
22 IT MAKES SENSE TO HAVE APPROPRIATE PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE--
23
24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. TIME'S EXPIRED. DR.
25 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.



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DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM VERY MUCH IN FAVOR TO USE THE
CAMERA. I THINK THAT THE QUALITY OF THE EQUIPMENT IS WHAT'S
IMPORTANT. AND I THINK-- I HOPE YOU WILL LOOK VERY CAREFULLY
AT THAT. BUT CONTRARY TO WHAT MR. PREVEN SAID, IT MIGHT NOT BE
BAD IF ONE GROUP DO ONE AND THE OTHER, THEN WE CAN COMPARE
WHICH ONE IS THE BEST. WITHOUT HAVING TO PAY EXTRA TO DO IT.
BUT I THINK DEFINITELY IT IS IMPORTANT. AND I THINK THAT IT
SHOULD BE SOME STUDY DONE AFTER THE CAMERAS ARE ON FOR 30
DAYS, NOT TO WAIT TOO LONG TO SEE HOW THEY ARE WORKING, WHAT
THE POSITION IS BETTER TO OBTAIN BETTER FOOTAGE AND LOOK AT
THAT. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE HAVE ARNOLD
SACHS AND THEN WE'VE-- WE'LL GO TO LANCASTER. MICHAEL JENKINS
AND DIANA BEARD- WILLIAMS.

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ARNOLD SACHS: YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. HOW
WONDERFUL FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER THIS ITEM. BUT I SEEM TO
RECALL THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION MEETING LIKE 2012.
SUPERVISOR MOLINA USED TO HAVE-- THIS USED TO BE ON THE AGENDA
IN 2010, 2011, WHEN THE O.I.G. WAS HERE. SO ELEVATING THIS
ISSUE TO THE FOREFRONT WHEN YOU TOOK IT OFF THE AGENDA, WHAT
DID THAT MEAN? IT WASN'T IMPORTANT ANYMORE? WHAT DOES THAT



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1 SIGNIFY IF IT'S NOT ON THE AGENDA ANYMORE? THAT PEOPLE CAN
2 COME UP TO SPEAK THAT YOU MADE IT A WEEKLY REPORT WHEN YOU
3 WERE TALKING ABOUT REFORMS IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. PEOPLE
4 VERY CONCERNED? I DON'T KNOW WHAT PLANET YOU'RE ON BUT PEOPLE
5 HAVE BEEN VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SHERIFF'S
6 DEPARTMENT FOR, I DON'T KNOW, 25, 30 YEARS NOW WITH ALL THE
7 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERALS AND ALL THESE SPECIAL REPORTS AND
8 ALL THESE OTHER COMMISSIONS THAT YOU'VE HAD IN PLACE TO
9 ACTUALLY SHUFFLE PAPERS FROM ONE STACK TO THE OTHER. THAT
10 WOULD BE AN ISSUE. TRANSPARENCY, YES INDEED. SOMEBODY USED TO
11 SAY TRANSPARENT AS MUD. THIS IS ACCESS TO DEPUTIES. THIS IS
12 FROM 12/16/15. "ACCESS TO DEPUTIES' RECORDS. OKAY." IT REGARDS
13 ALLEGED MISCONDUCT AND USE OF FORCE. IT SAYS ABOUT THE
14 SITUATION THAT OCCURRED WITH DEPUTIES, THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
15 SHERIFF JIM MCDONNELL-- WELL, ACTUALLY IT SAID THAT NOT-- AN
16 EXCEPTION TO ALLOW HUNTSMAN TO SEE THE PERSONNEL RECORDS THAT
17 ARE NORMALLY KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. BUT HIS ACCESS WOULD BE
18 LIMITED. THE SHERIFF HAS ALREADY SIGNED A DEAL. BUT IT
19 MENTIONED THAT THERE WAS A SITUATION WITH A SHOOTING THAT THE
20 SHERIFF'S INSPECTOR GENERAL KNEW NOTHING ABOUT. DON'T
21 UNDERSTAND THAT. SO THAT WAS A QUICK SIX SECONDS BY THE WAY.
22 1, 2, 3, 6, BOOM.
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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL NOW GO TO LANCASTER? MR.
25 JENKINS.



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2 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** YES, MY NAME IS EVANGELIST MIKE JENKINS AND
3 I'M CALLING BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE BODY
4 CAMERAS, IT'S THE LACK OF TRAINING THAT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
5 OFFICERS HAVE. IT'S THE TRAINING, IT'S THE COVER UP THAT THE
6 LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS, SHERIFFS, L.A.P.D., WHAT HAVE YOU. THAT'S
7 WHAT I HAVE THE PROBLEM WITH. YOU CAN TRAIN A MONKEY COULD WEAR
8 A BODY CAMERA. THAT DON'T MAKE NO DIFFERENCE THE THING OF IT
9 IS THAT-- I WANT YOU GUYS TO LISTEN CAREFULLY. THAT'S WHAT'S
10 GOING ON WITH SOCIETY NOW, IS THE SHOOTINGS THAT ARE GOING ON,
11 IT IS THE LACK OF TRAINING. LIKE I SAID, YOU CAN HAVE A MONKEY
12 WEARING A BODY CAMERA, THAT DOESN'T MATTER. THE THING OF IT IS
13 THAT WE'VE GOT TO HAVE THE PROPER TRAINING. IT HAS TO BE
14 PROPERLY TRAINED. THESE OFFICERS ARE NOT PROPERLY TRAINED.
15 THEY'RE GOING OUT THERE SHOOTING BLACK MEN LIKE IT'S TARGET
16 PRACTICE. IF YOU LOOK AT IT, AND I'VE BEEN TO SEVERAL
17 ACADEMIES. WHAT KIND OF TARGET IS IT? IT'S A BLACK TARGET ON
18 THERE. IT'S NOT A WHITE TARGET. IT'S NOT A YELLOW TARGET. THEY
19 SHOOT BLACK TARGETS AND THEY SHOOT FOR THE HEART. IT USED TO
20 BE YEARS AGO, THEY SHOOT FOR THE LEG. THEY SHOOT FOR THE
21 HEART. THEY SHOOT TO KILL US. THAT'S WHAT'S GOING ON. IT'S NOT
22 BODY CAMERAS, IT'S THE OFFICERS THAT'S WEARING THEM, THAT'S
23 THE PROBLEM. AND I HOPE YOU SUPERVISORS GET THIS. IT'S NOT
24 BODY CAM, IT'S THE OFFICERS.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RAISE THE ROOF, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

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3 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** WHAT? IT'S THE OFFICERS THAT'S DOING IT. IT'S
4 NOT THE BODY CAMERAS. THE BODY CAMERAS YOU COULD HAVE THEM
5 WORN 24/7. BUT IT'S THE OFFICERS' LACK OF TRAINING, THE
6 OFFICERS' LACK OF KNOWLEDGE. AND THEN IT GOES ON AND ON TO THE
7 COURT SYSTEM. IT GOES ON AND ON TO YOU GUYS. BY YOU GUYS
8 SUPPORTING THIS STUFF, THE BOARDING IS NONSENSE. COME ON,
9 SUPERVISORS, DON'T YOU GET IT, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS? DON'T YOU
10 GET IT, SOLIS? DON'T YOU GET IT, DON KNABE. THAT'S WHERE IT
11 STARTS, AT THE ACADEMY. THAT'S WHAT YOU GUYS NEED TO WAKE UP
12 AND REALIZE.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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16 **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M DIANA BEARD-
17 WILLIAMS, DR. DIANA BEARD- WILLIAMS. I SIMPLY WANT TO SAY, I'M
18 GOING TO APPLAUD YOU, WOW. YOU CAME UP WITH AN ORDINANCE THAT
19 SAID THAT WE SHOULD HAVE BODY CAMERAS. LET ME TAKE YOU BACK TO
20 1990. FORGET 2014. LET'S GO BACK TO 1990 WHEN I WAS INVOLVED
21 IN GATES MUST GO, GATES MUST GO. AND PICTURES OF BLACK PEOPLE
22 WHO HAD BEEN SHOT IN THE BACK, WHO HAD BEEN MURDERED, WHO HAD
23 BEEN JUST BLOWN AWAY BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. NO PROOF, UNTIL
24 WE THE CITIZENS STARTED USING OUR OWN CAMERAS. SO NOW ALL OF A
25 SUDDEN, ALL THESE YEARS LATER, YOU'VE FINALLY FIGURED OUT YOU



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1 NEED BODY CAMERAS. I'VE DONE SOME RESEARCH, AND THERE ARE MANY
2 SITUATIONS, AND YOU WILL HEAR THEM ON THE NEWS, THE BODY CAM
3 WASN'T EVEN ON. THE DAMN BODY CAMERA WASN'T ON. SO YOU ACT AS
4 IF THIS IS A PANACEA OR SOMETHING. NO. THIS IS A SYMPTOM OF
5 THE PROBLEM. AS MR. JENKINS SAID, YOU CAN PUT A BODY CAMERA ON
6 A MONKEY AND WHAT WILL THAT TELL YOU? THAT WILL PERHAPS
7 CURTAIL THAT MONKEY FROM DOING SOMETHING HE SHOULDN'T DO
8 WRONG? BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN HE GETS BACK TO THE STATION? THIS
9 IS NOTHING BUT A SYMPTOM OF THE PROBLEM. BODY CAMERAS ARE
10 GREAT. BUT YOU TELL ME IN YOUR ORDINANCE WHAT'S GOING TO
11 HAPPEN IN TERMS OF FOLLOW UP, ACCOUNTABILITY. YOU TELL ME
12 WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IN THAT DARN ORDINANCE THAT YOU'RE
13 PUTTING UP THERE IN TERMS OF MENTAL HEALTH, IN TERMS OF
14 TRAINING, HOW YOU'RE PUTTING COPS ON THE STREET THAT DON'T
15 DESERVE TO BE ON THE STREET WHO ARE COMING IN FROM WAR ZONES,
16 WHO HAVE AN ADRENALINE RUSH, THEY HAVE A FINGER ITCH TO PULL A
17 GUN, AS YOU SAW IN MINNESOTA. THE GUY WAS SHAKING LIKE HELL AS
18 HE SHOT DEAD THE MAN ON THE VIDEO. IT'S NOT JUST THE BODY
19 CAMERA, PEOPLE! IT'S THE TRAINING!

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED. MEMBERS, THIS ITEM IS
22 BEFORE US. IT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECONDED AS AMENDED
23 WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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1 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, PUBLIC HEARING ITEM
2 NO. 36. THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING ON RECOMMENDATIONS TO
3 CONSIDER AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO PLACE ON THE NOVEMBER 8,
4 2016 BALLOT TAX MEASURES FOR VOTER APPROVAL DEDICATED TO
5 ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS. THIS MATTER WILL BE HEARD ALONG WITH
6 R-1 AND R-2. THERE ARE DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENTS. AND
7 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ALL THOSE WHO ARE HERE TO
8 TESTIFY, WOULD YOU PLEASE STAND? IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE
9 BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH,
10 THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD?

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. VERY GOOD. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN
13 BY PRESENTATIONS BY OUR COUNTY STAFF.

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15 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, IF I MAY.

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES.

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19 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SEVERAL WEEKS AGO THE BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS ASKED COUNTY COUNSEL AND OTHER RELEVANT
21 DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON THE OPTIONS
22 AVAILABLE TO INCREASE REVENUE DEDICATED TO ADDRESSING THE
23 HOMELESS CRISIS. SO FROM MY OFFICE, I HAVE SENIOR ASSISTANT
24 COUNTY COUNSEL TOM FAUGHNAN, WHO IS HERE TO PRESENT ON R-1,
25 AND THEN LATER PRINCIPAL DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL JUDY WHITEHURST



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1 WHO IS HERE TO PRESENT ON R-2 ALONG WITH OTHER RELEVANT
2 DEPARTMENT PARTICIPANTS.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. VERY GOOD. CAN YOU HIT THE
5 LIGHTS, PLEASE?

6

7 **TOM FAUGHNAN:** SUPERVISORS, THESE ARE THE POTENTIAL BALLOT
8 MEASURES THAT HAVE BEEN PROPOSED FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016
9 ELECTION. THE FIRST IS A SPECIAL PARCEL TAX TO COMBAT
10 HOMELESSNESS. THE VOTES REQUIRED FOR THIS TAX ARE THREE VOTES
11 FROM YOUR BOARD AND TWO-THIRDS APPROVAL OF THE VOTERS. THE TAX
12 PROVIDES FOR A 3-CENT PER SQUARE FOOT OF IMPROVEMENTS ON
13 IMPROVED PROPERTY TAX AS WELL AS A \$24 PER PARCEL OF
14 UNIMPROVED PROPERTY TAX. THOSE TAXES ARE ANNUAL TAXES AND
15 WOULD BE COLLECTED WITH THE PROPERTY TAXES. THE REVENUE FROM
16 THIS SPECIAL TAX WILL BE DEDICATED TO FUNDING THE HOMELESS
17 INITIATIVE STRATEGIES AND OTHER PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS THE CAUSES
18 AND EFFECTS OF HOMELESSNESS. IT WILL REQUIRE ANNUAL AUDITS AND
19 THE CREATION OF A CITIZENS OVERSIGHT ADVISORY BOARD WHICH WILL
20 REVIEW AND REPORT ON EXPENDITURES AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO
21 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THE NEXT PROPOSED TAX IS A SPECIAL
22 MARIJUANA BUSINESS TAX. ALSO REQUIRES THREE VOTES OF THE BOARD
23 TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT AND TWO-THIRDS APPROVAL OF THE VOTERS.
24 THE TAXES AND TAX ON MARIJUANA BUSINESSES OF UP TO 10 PERCENT
25 OF THE GROSS RECEIPTS OF THOSE BUSINESSES. THE BOARD HAS THE



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1 FLEXIBILITY TO ADJUST THOSE RATES AND THE CLASSES OF
2 BUSINESSES TAXED BELOW THAT 10 PERCENT MAXIMUM. THE PROPOSED
3 MEASURE IS CONDITIONED UPON VOTER APPROVAL OF THE ADULT USE OF
4 MARIJUANA ACT, LEGALIZING AND REGULATING RECREATIONAL USE OF
5 MARIJUANA IN CALIFORNIA. THE TAX, THOUGH, IS APPLICABLE TO
6 BOTH MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ACTIVITIES.
7 THE REVENUE WILL BE DEDICATED TO FUNDING THE HOMELESS
8 INITIATIVE STRATEGIES AND OTHER PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS THE CAUSES
9 AND EFFECTS OF HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. COUNTY. IT WILL REQUIRE
10 ANNUAL AUDITS AND THE CREATION OF A CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT
11 ADVISORY BOARD WHICH WILL REVIEW AND REPORT ON EXPENDITURES
12 AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THE NEXT
13 PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURE IS A GENERAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS TAX.
14 THE GENERAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS TAX REQUIRES APPROVAL BY FOUR
15 VOTES OF THE BOARD AND THEN A MAJORITY APPROVAL OF THE VOTERS.
16 THE TAX ON MARIJUANA BUSINESSES FOR THE GENERAL TAX IS THE
17 SAME AS THE SPECIAL TAX. IT'S A TAX OF UP TO 10 PERCENT ON
18 GROSS RECEIPTS. IT IS FOR GENERAL COUNTY PURPOSES. AND THE
19 BOARDS CAN ADJUST THE RATES AND CLASSES OF THE BUSINESSES
20 TAXED UP TO THE MAXIMUM OF 10 PERCENT. THE TAX IS CONDITIONED
21 UPON VOTER APPROVAL OF THE ADULT USE OF MARIJUANA ACT
22 LEGALIZING AND REGULATING RECREATIONAL USE OF MARIJUANA IN
23 CALIFORNIA. THERE WILL BE A SEPARATE ADVISORY QUESTION WHICH
24 WILL ASK VOTERS IF THE COUNTY SHOULD USE THE REVENUES
25 GENERATED TO FUND PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS THE CAUSES AND EFFECTS



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1 OF HOMELESSNESS, CONDUCT ANNUAL AUDITS AND HAVE A CITIZEN'S
2 OVERSIGHT OF EXPENDITURES. THE ADVISORY QUESTION WILL NOT BE
3 BINDING ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THERE IS ALSO PROPOSED A
4 GENERAL TRANSACTION AND USE TAX WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY A SALES
5 TAX. IT REQUIRES FOUR VOTES OF THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL AND
6 MAJORITY APPROVAL OF THE VOTERS. THE COUNTYWIDE TAX OF A
7 QUARTER PERCENT ON RETAIL SALES, THE TOTAL UNINCORPORATED AREA
8 SALES TAX RATE WOULD BE 9.25 PERCENT. THERE ARE SOME CITIES
9 THAT HAVE A HIGHER RATE IN THE COUNTY. A SEPARATE ADVISORY
10 QUESTION WILL ALSO BE ASKED FOR THIS TAX AS TO WHETHER THE
11 COUNTY SHOULD USE THE REVENUES GENERATED TO FUND PROGRAMS TO
12 ADDRESS THE CAUSES AND EFFECTS OF HOMELESSNESS, TO CONDUCT
13 ANNUAL AUDITS AND TO HAVE A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT OF
14 EXPENDITURES. THE ADVISORY QUESTION IS NOT BINDING ON THE
15 BOARD. THE NEXT SLIDE HERE IS A SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL HOMELESS
16 FUNDING REVENUE MEASURES. INCLUDES PROJECTED ANNUAL REVENUE.
17 THE BOARD VOTE REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL. THE ELECTORATE VOTE
18 REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL. AND THEN POLLING INFORMATION THAT HAS
19 BEEN CONDUCTED THUS FAR.

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21 **SHAKARI BYERLY:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD MEMBERS, PRESIDENT SOLIS.
22 IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE BEFORE YOU TO PRESENT SOME
23 ADDITIONAL DETAIL ON THE POLLING RESULTS. THE RESEARCH
24 INDICATES THAT THERE IS BROAD SUPPORT FOR ADDITIONAL REVENUE
25 GENERATION TO SUPPORT HOMELESS SERVICES. WE TESTED THREE OF



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1 THE MEASURES UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE RESEARCH AND THERE'S
2 ALSO THE FOURTH OPTION OF THE GENERAL MARIJUANA TAX, WHERE WE
3 DO NOT HAVE EXPLICIT DATA BUT WE ANTICIPATE THAT SUPPORT
4 LEVELS MAY BE COMPARABLE TO WHAT WE ASSESS FOR THE GENERAL
5 PURPOSE MEASURE. BUT FIRSTLY, THE PARCEL TAX MEASURE THAT WAS
6 TESTED WAS A 3 CENTS PER SQUARE FOOT TAX ON IMPROVED
7 STRUCTURES. AND WE FOUND THAT 67 PERCENT OF VOTERS ON INITIAL
8 ASK WERE INCLINED TO VOTE YES ON SUCH A MEASURE. THERE'S
9 COMPARABLE SUPPORT LEVELS WERE FOUND IN A JUNE POLL CONDUCTED
10 BY ARNOLD STEINBERG AND ASSOCIATES. THE SUPPORT LEVEL IN THAT
11 POLL WAS 69 PERCENT. WE ALSO ASSESSED VOTER SUPPORT FOR A
12 GENERAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX OR A SALES TAX. THIS
13 PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE MEASURE ALSO INCLUDED A
14 DESCRIPTION OF PARKS SERVICES, WHICH I'M SURE ARE NOT UNDER
15 CONSIDERATION BUT THAT PROVIDES A BIT OF CONTEXT FOR THE
16 RESULTS YOU SEE HERE. 69 PERCENT OF VOTERS INDICATED THEY
17 WOULD SAY YES, VOTE YES ON THAT MEASURE ON INITIAL ASK. FOR
18 THE SPECIAL PURPOSE MARIJUANA TAX TO SUPPORT HOMELESS
19 SERVICES, 69 PERCENT OF VOTERS ALSO INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD
20 VOTE YES ON SUCH A MEASURE, WITH EACH OF THE OPTIONS EXPLORED
21 IN THE RESEARCH, SUGGESTS THAT AN OPPOSITION CAMPAIGN,
22 PARTICULARLY VOCAL OPPOSITION, COULD REDUCE LEVELS OF SUPPORT
23 BELOW THE TWO-THIRDS LEVEL. SO IN THE FINAL COLUMN ON THAT
24 CHART AFTER MESSAGING, WE SEE DECLINES IN SUPPORT ONCE
25 NEGATIVE AND POSITIVE INFORMATION IS GIVEN. SO IN THE FINAL



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1 VOTE, THE SUPPORT LEVELS ARE SOMEWHAT LOWER. I'M HAPPY TO
2 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT THE BOARD MIGHT HAVE RELATED TO THE
3 OPINION RESEARCH RESULTS.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS
6 PRESENTATIONS? QUESTIONS? NO? IS THAT IT?

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8 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, WE ARE NOW TURNING TO
9 R-2, WHICH IS THE REPORT BACK ON THE MARIJUANA TAX AVAILABLE
10 OPTIONS.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THIS IS TO PROVIDE
15 A REPORT ON THE LAWS REGARDING LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA AND
16 THE ANTICIPATED LOCAL REGULATION AND EFFORTS NEEDED SHOULD
17 PROPOSITION 64 PASS. I'M JUDY WHITEHURST ASSISTANT COUNTY
18 COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF MARY WICKHAM. SEVERAL PEOPLE IN OUR
19 OFFICE HAVE WORKED WITH MANY DEPARTMENTS TO PREPARE THIS
20 PRESENTATION. I'M HERE WITH JOSEPH KELLY, THE TREASURER AND
21 TAX COLLECTOR, AND MARK CHILD, REGIONAL PLANNING. IN ADDITION,
22 WE HAD RICHARD BRUCKNER WITH REGIONAL PLANNING, KURT FLORIN,
23 AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER, CYNTHIA HARDING, PUBLIC HEALTH,
24 BRIAN STIGER, DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS,
25 SHERIFF REPRESENTATIVES, LIEUTENANT BARDINO AND SERGEANT



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1 WALSH, AS WELL AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY REPRESENTATIVE ASHLEY
2 ROSEN. THEY'RE ALL HERE AND AVAILABLE TO ANSWER YOUR OTHER
3 QUESTIONS SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY. THIS REPORT WILL PROVIDE AN
4 OVERVIEW OF MARIJUANA LAWS, TAXATION OF MARIJUANA,
5 REVENUE/COST INFORMATION AND ANTICIPATED COUNTY REGULATION.
6 THE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA LAW IS CALLED THE ADULT USE OF
7 MARIJUANA ACT OR A.M.A. IT WILL APPEAR ON THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016
8 BALLOT AS PROPOSITION 64. IT PROVIDES FOR DUAL STATE AND LOCAL
9 LICENSING AND PERMITTING FOR BUSINESSES AND IS CONSISTENT WITH
10 THE EXISTING LAWS FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA. IT PROVIDES TAXATION
11 AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS. AND IT LEGALIZES PERSONAL USE
12 AND CULTIVATION WITH SOME EXCEPTIONS. LOCAL JURISDICTIONS
13 RETAIN POLICE POWERS TO REGULATE OR BAN. IF THE COUNTY BANS,
14 IT WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO DESIGNATED STATE GRANTS. THE COUNTY
15 MAY NOT BAN PERSONAL INDOOR USE OR CULTIVATION OR THE USE OF
16 PUBLIC ROADS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF MARIJUANA. THE STATE'S
17 REGULATORY DUTIES CAN BE DELEGATED DOWN TO THE LOCAL AGENCIES,
18 BUT AN M.O.U. IS REQUIRED. SO THE STATE CAN DIRECT THE COUNTY
19 TO CARRY ON CERTAIN REGULATIONS AND IT MOST LIKELY WOULD BE
20 THE IN AREAS OF HEALTH AND SAFETY AND AGRICULTURAL STANDARDS.
21 BACK TO THE USE THAT WOULD BE ALLOWED BY A.U.M.A., FOR ANYONE
22 21 YEARS OR OLDER, IF PASSED IT WILL BE LEGAL TO POSSESS 28.5
23 GRAMS OF NON-CONCENTRATED MARIJUANA AND 8 GRAMS OF
24 CONCENTRATED MARIJUANA. INDIVIDUAL POSSESSION AND CULTIVATION
25 OF SIX PLANTS AND THE PRODUCT PRODUCED FROM THOSE PLANTS WILL



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1 ALSO BE LEGALIZED. IT WILL BE LEGAL TO SMOKE AND INGEST
2 MARIJUANA AND MARIJUANA PRODUCTS AS WELL AS EDIBLES. THE
3 COUNTY COULD STILL ADOPT REASONABLE REGULATIONS ON PERSONAL
4 CULTIVATION AND USE, FOR EXAMPLE, RULES RELATING TO CIGARETTE
5 SMOKING IN THE PUBLIC CAN ALSO BE IMPOSED FOR MARIJUANA
6 SMOKING. CULTIVATION IN YARDS CAN ALSO BE REGULATED SO THAT
7 PEOPLE DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO UNSECURE LOCATIONS WHERE MARIJUANA
8 IS BEING CULTIVATED, AS WELL AS LAND USE AND ZONING
9 RESTRICTIONS. SOME ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR LOCAL
10 GOVERNMENT ARE THAT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WILL NEED TO ESTABLISH,
11 ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE NEW REGULATIONS AND POLICIES AND TRAIN
12 STAFF TO IMPLEMENT A.U.M.A. IN ADDITION, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
13 WILL NEED TO ESTABLISH SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND
14 TREATMENT PROGRAMS FOR JUVENILES. AND AS WAS PREVIOUSLY
15 MENTIONED, THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL DELEGATED DUTIES FROM THE
16 STATE AS DETERMINED BY AN M.O.U. ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2018.
17 LASTLY, MARIJUANA-RELATED CONVICTIONS OR SENTENCES THAT WERE
18 IMPOSED BEFORE THE BALLOT MEASURE PASSES WILL REQUIRE
19 ADDITIONAL HEARINGS FOR RECONSIDERATION. THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA
20 LAW IS CALLED THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA REGULATION AND SAFETY ACT
21 OR M.M.R.S.A. IT WAS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN 2015 AND
22 BECAME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016. IT ALSO PROVIDES DUAL
23 LICENSING, PERMITTING AND REGULATION FOR COMMERCIAL, MEDICAL
24 MARIJUANA BUSINESSES. IT ESTABLISHES THE BASELINE OF STANDARDS
25 AND LOCAL JURISDICTIONS CAN IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL STANDARDS,



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1 I.E., STRONGER REQUIREMENTS THAN AT THE STATE LEVEL. IT
2 PRESERVES POLICE POWER FOR LOCAL JURISDICTIONS RELATING TO
3 ZONING AND LICENSING. AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CAN TAX
4 CULTIVATING, PRODUCING, PROCESSING, PREPARING, STORING,
5 PROVIDING, DONATING, SELLING, DISTRIBUTING OR THE DELIVERY OF
6 MEDICAL MARIJUANA OR PRODUCTS. THIS TAX IS A BUSINESS TAX, AS
7 DISCUSSED BY THE PRIOR SPEAKER AS WELL AS IN FUTURE SLIDES. IN
8 ADDITION IN 1996, CALIFORNIA VOTERS PASSED THE COMPASSIONATE
9 USE ACT. THAT RELATED PRIMARILY TO PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS IN
10 POSSESSION AND IT REDUCED THE CRIMES ASSOCIATED WITH THOSE IN
11 POSSESSION BY PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS. THAT'S BEEN ON THE
12 BOOKS SINCE 1996. THE NEW M.M.R.S.A. LAWS REGULATE MORE OF THE
13 BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY AS WELL AS SOME OF THE
14 EXISTING MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACTIVITIES. THE COUNTY ALSO HAS
15 MEDICAL MARIJUANA LAWS. THERE'S A MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY
16 BAN ON ALL RETAIL STORE FRONTS. IT BECAME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6,
17 2011. THERE IS ALSO AN URGENCY ORDINANCE WHICH IS A TEMPORARY
18 BAN ON OTHER MEDICAL MARIJUANA LAND USES. THAT WAS EFFECTIVE
19 APRIL 12, 2016. IT EXPIRES JUNE 28, 2017. THE COUNTY DOES NOT
20 HAVE ORDINANCES RELATING TO RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA. IN TERMS
21 OF PRE-EMPTION, A.U.M.A. AND M.M.R.S.A. BOTH ALLOW LOCAL
22 REGULATION. THE COUNTY IS NOT PRE-EMPTED BY STATE LAW, EXCEPT
23 THAT YOU COULD NOT BAN HOME PERSONAL USE OR INDOOR PERSONAL
24 CULTIVATION OR USE OF PUBLIC ROADS TO TRANSPORT MARIJUANA.
25 HOWEVER, ANY LAWS ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY CANNOT BE LESS



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1 STRINGENT THAN A.U.M.A. OR M.M.R.S.A. THIS SLIDE PROVIDES AN
2 OVERVIEW OF TAXATION FOR BOTH A.U.M.A. AND M.M.R.S.A. AND
3 YOU'LL SEE ON THE LEFT COLUMN A.U.M.A., OR RECREATIONAL USE,
4 IT AUTHORIZES AT THE STATE LEVEL AN EXCISE TAX OF 15 PERCENT
5 OF GROSS RECEIPTS, WHICH IS PAID BY THE PURCHASERS. IN
6 ADDITION, THERE'S A CULTIVATION TAX ON THE HARVEST, WHICH IS
7 AT \$9.25 AN OUNCE PER DRY WEIGHT OF FLOWERS AND \$2.75 PER
8 OUNCE OF DRY WEIGHT LEAVES. IN ADDITION, IT AUTHORIZES REVENUE
9 SHARING. SO THE COUNTY WOULD BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE A SHARE OF
10 A PORTION OF THIS STATE TAX, WHICH THE SHARE IS APPROXIMATELY
11 20 PERCENT WHICH WOULD BE DIVVIED UP. IF THE COUNTY DOES NOT
12 BAN SALES. IF THE COUNTY DOES BAN SALES, IT WOULD NOT BE
13 ENTITLED TO GRANTS FROM THAT FUND. SALES TAX IS ALSO
14 AUTHORIZED BUT AT THE STANDARD, STATE AND LOCAL SALES TAX
15 LEVEL, IT WOULD BE COLLECTED ON RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA, JUST
16 LIKE IT WOULD ANY PRODUCT. AT THE COUNTY LEVEL, A.U.M.A.
17 ALLOWS A BUSINESS TAX ON THE PRIVILEGE OF CULTIVATING,
18 MANUFACTURING, PRODUCING, PROCESSING, PREPARING, STORING,
19 PROVIDING, DONATING, SELLING OR DISTRIBUTING MARIJUANA. SO
20 ESSENTIALLY EVERY POINT IN THE CHAIN. IT CAN BE IN THE ENTIRE
21 COUNTY OR IT COULD BE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS ONLY. IT
22 COULD BE A GENERAL TAX FOR ANY PURPOSE OR A SPECIAL TAX FOR
23 SPECIFIC USE SUCH AS HOMELESSNESS. STANDARD LOCAL SALES TAX
24 APPLIES TO RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA AS A PRODUCT. NO ADDITIONAL
25 SALES TAX IS AUTHORIZED ON TOP OF THE EXISTING SALES TAX. IF



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1 THE COUNTY BANS SALES, THEN WE WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY SALES OR
2 BUSINESS TAX FROM THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY. IN
3 TERMS OF MEDICAL USE UNDER M.M.R.S.A., CURRENTLY STATE SALES
4 TAX IS COLLECTED ON ALL SALES OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND
5 PRODUCTS. IF A.U.M.A. PASSES, QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS WITH STATE
6 MEDICAL MARIJUANA I.D.S WILL BE EXEMPT FROM PAYING THE STATE
7 SALES TAX. IN TERMS OF THE COUNTY, M.M.R.S.A. ALSO ALLOWS A
8 BUSINESS TAX ON THE BUSINESS OF CULTIVATING, MANUFACTURING,
9 PRODUCING, PROCESSING, PREPARING, STORING, PROVIDING,
10 DONATING, SELLING OR DISTRIBUTING MARIJUANA, PLUS IT ALLOWS
11 FOR TAX ON DELIVERIES OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA. IT CAN BE IN THE
12 ENTIRE COUNTY OR UNINCORPORATED AREA. A GENERAL TAX OR ANY
13 PURPOSE FOR SPECIFIC USES AS WELL AS NO ADDITIONAL STATE SALES
14 TAX IS AUTHORIZED. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TAX REVENUE TIMELINE.
15 ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016, IF BOTH A.U.M.A. AND A COUNTY BUSINESS
16 TAX, SHOULD YOU PUT IT ON THE BALLOT, IF THEY BOTH PASS, IT
17 CAN BE IMPOSED ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA IMMEDIATELY. HOWEVER, ON
18 JANUARY 1, 2018, IF BOTH A.U.M.A. AND COUNTY BUSINESS TAX
19 PASS, IT CAN BE IMPOSED ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA WHEN THE STATE
20 LICENSING BEGINS. IN ADDITION, OTHER ISSUES INCLUDE CONCERNS
21 THAT MARIJUANA SALES ARE PRIMARILY A CASH BUSINESS. PAYMENTS
22 OF COUNTY BUSINESS TAX WOULD LIKELY OCCUR AT THE TREASURER'S
23 CASHIERING OPERATIONS ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THIS BUILDING.
24 OTHER ISSUES RELATING TO HOW THE COUNTY WILL ENSURE IT
25 RECEIVES THE FULL AMOUNT OF TAX IF IMPOSED CAN BE ADDRESSED BY



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1 A.U.M.A. ITSELF WHICH PROVIDES FOR A TRACK AND TRACE SYSTEM,
2 WHICH IS BASICALLY A TRACKING OF THE PLANT, ALL THE WAY TO THE
3 RETAIL SALE. IT AIDS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND TAX COLLECTION AND
4 PUBLIC HEALTH PEOPLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER PRODUCT IS BEING
5 DESERTED IN THE CHAIN OF COMMERCE ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE
6 RETAIL SALE. IT'S ALREADY BEING USED OR BEING DEVELOPED FOR
7 MEDICAL MARIJUANA. IN TERMS OF REVENUE AND COSTS, THIS CHART
8 PROVIDES SOME INFORMATION, ALTHOUGH I'D LIKE TO PREFACE IT BY
9 SAYING THAT IT'S NOT INTENDED TO IMPLY THAT OUR COLLECTIONS
10 WILL BE THE SAME. IT MERELY PROVIDES AVAILABLE INFORMATION
11 FROM THE VARIOUS JURISDICTIONS. AND ADMITTEDLY INFORMATION
12 THAT'S OUT OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN ON REVENUE IS SOMEWHAT SPARSE.
13 IN TERMS OF COLORADO, WHICH HAS A POPULATION OF 5.4 MILLION,
14 THEIR LAW WAS ENACTED ON NOVEMBER 6, 2012 AND BECAME EFFECTIVE
15 ON JANUARY 1, 2014. SO THEY ESSENTIALLY HAD 14 MONTHS TO
16 PREPARE FOR IMPLEMENTATION. AND YOU CAN SEE FROM THE FIRST
17 YEAR REVENUE, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY \$25.3 MILLION, DURING
18 THAT YEAR FOR 2013 AND '14, THAT REALLY ONLY APPLIED TO
19 COLLECTIONS FOR HALF OF THE YEAR BECAUSE IT WAS THE FISCAL
20 YEAR. BUT YOU CAN SEE THAT THERE IS SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER. IN
21 ADDITION, THEN, IF YOU LOOK OVER TO 2016 WHERE WE SHOW THREE
22 MONTHS OF REPORTED TAX REVENUE, THAT IT'S \$112.2 MILLION. SO
23 CLEARLY YOU CAN SEE THAT IT TAKES A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME
24 BEFORE YOU WOULD REALIZE REVENUE. THE SAME FOR THE STATE OF
25 WASHINGTON WHICH HAS A POPULATION OF 6.7 MILLION. THEIR LAW



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1 WAS ENACTED IN NOVEMBER 2012, BECAME EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST, 2014.
2 SO THEY HAD 20 MONTHS TO PREPARE FOR THAT TAX. IN THE FIRST
3 YEAR OF REVENUE IN 2015, THEY COLLECTED \$64.8 MILLION. AND
4 THEN PROJECTED FOR 2016, THE REVENUE WENT UP TO \$185.7
5 MILLION. LASTLY, OREGON, WITH 4 MILLION PEOPLE, THEIR LAW WENT
6 INTO EFFECT ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014 AND BECAME EFFECTIVE JANUARY
7 1, 2016, AGAIN ANOTHER 14 MONTHS TO AMP UP AND GET READY FOR
8 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TAX. PROJECTED INCOME OR GROSS SALES,
9 RATHER, FOR 2016, FOUR MONTHS, WAS AROUND \$42 MILLION AND
10 DURING THAT SAME TIME IF YOU'LL NOTICE ON THE RIGHT, THEY
11 COLLECTED ABOUT \$10.5 MILLION. TO COMPARE IT WITH THE COUNTY'S
12 TAX THAT POTENTIALLY COULD BE IMPOSED, THE STATE WOULD HAVE AN
13 EXCISE TAX UNDER A.U.M.A. FOR 15 PERCENT, REGULAR SALES TAX OF
14 9 PERCENT AND THE BUSINESS TAX THAT IS PROPOSED OF 10 PERCENT
15 TOTALS 34 PERCENT WHICH IS PRETTY EQUIVALENT TO THE ABOVE
16 THREE JURISDICTIONS. ANOTHER SAMPLE OF BOTH REVENUE AND COST
17 IS THE CITY OF DENVER, COLORADO. DID I NOT? THE CITY OF DENVER
18 HAS ABOUT 800,000 PEOPLE, SIGNIFICANTLY LESS. THERE WE GO. IN
19 2015, THEY REPORTED REVENUE OF APPROXIMATELY \$27.2 MILLION.
20 AND THEN IF YOU LOOK AT THE RIGHT, THEIR REPORTED EXPENDITURES
21 BY DEPARTMENT WAS \$6.9 MILLION OR 25 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL
22 REVENUE. THAT WAS CALCULATED BASED ON THE 14 DENVER
23 DEPARTMENTS THAT HAD ROLES IN REGULATING MARIJUANA. THIS DOES
24 NOT MEAN THAT THE COUNTY'S EXPENSES WOULD MIRROR DENVER'S
25 EXPENSES; IT COULD BE FAR DIFFERENT FROM 25 PERCENT, EITHER UP



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1 OR DOWN. YOU WOULD NEED TO COMPARE COLORADO WITH OUR A.U.M.A.
2 LAW. IT DOES APPEAR THAT A.U.M.A. IMPOSES HEAVY REGULATORY
3 RESPONSIBILITY BOTH AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS. IN TERMS OF
4 OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT'S ANTICIPATED REGULATORY ROLES, THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING WOULD REQUIRE LAND USE
6 REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS TO SPECIFIC ZONES, SITE LOCATIONS
7 STANDARDS TO AVOID LAND USE CONFLICTS, DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS,
8 C.E.Q.A. REVIEW. THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR WILL BE
9 RESPONSIBLE IF YOU PASSED IT FOR COLLECTION OF GROSS RECEIPTS
10 TAX, AND BUSINESS LICENSING. THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER AND
11 WEIGHTS AND MEASURES WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CULTIVATION
12 LICENSING, INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT WHICH INCLUDES PESTICIDE
13 USE AND RESIDUE TOLERANCE, THE UNIQUE IDENTIFIER PROGRAM OR
14 THE TRACK AND TRACE, WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, AS WELL
15 AS WEIGHTS AND MEASURES MONITORING INCLUDING WEIGHING DEVICES
16 AND PACKING INSPECTION. A.U.M.A. DOES HAVE STRICT PACKAGING
17 REQUIREMENTS TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE ISSUES OF DIVERTING
18 PRODUCT THROUGHOUT THE COMMERCIAL CHAIN. IN ADDITION, THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LICENSING,
20 TESTING ACTIVITIES AND MANUFACTURING AS WELL AS FACILITY
21 LICENSING AND INSPECTIONS. THE SHERIFF WILL HAVE INCREASED LAW
22 ENFORCEMENT NEEDS, SAFETY ISSUES AS WELL AS JUVENILE USE
23 OVERSIGHT. THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS
24 WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSUMER PROTECTION AND FRAUD
25 PREVENTION, AND LITERATURE SUGGESTS THAT THERE IS A HIGH



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1 POTENTIAL FOR CONSUMER FRAUD RELATED TO WEIGHT AND POTENCY AND
2 PACKAGING OF MARIJUANA, AS WELL AS LABOR AND WAGE ENFORCEMENT
3 ISSUES. LASTLY, THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO BE ABLE TO RECOVER
4 COSTS FOR FEES FOR LICENSING AND PERMITTING WHERE IT IS
5 NEEDED. IT'S CLEAR THAT DOWN THE ROAD, ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS
6 WILL HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THEIR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY IN
7 TERMS OF THE REGULATING, THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA SHOULD
8 THAT OCCUR. AND THAT CONCLUDES THE PRESENTATION AND THE TEAM
9 OF DEPARTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IT AS VERY INFORMATIVE
12 PRESENTATION. AND I WANT TO THANK ALL THE STAFF AND OUR C.E.O.
13 AND OUR COUNTY COUNSEL. I KNOW THIS TOOK A LOT OF TIME, MANY
14 HOURS IN THE EVENING, IT'S A LOT OF INFORMATION TO DIGEST. BUT
15 I WILL OPEN IT UP TO THE FLOOR, TO THE MEMBERS FOR QUESTIONS.
16 SUPERVISOR THOMAS. RIDLEY-THOMAS.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU MADAME CHAIR. I HAVE A SERIES OF
19 QUESTIONS FOR THE POLLSTER. I WANT TO ASK THE QUESTION TO
20 C.E.O. I WANT TO ASK A QUESTION TO COUNTY COUNSEL. I HAVE
21 QUESTIONS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND REGIONAL PLANNING. SO IF THOSE
22 PERSONS WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER SOME QUESTIONS, I'D BE
23 APPRECIATIVE. TO THE POLLSTER, THE QUESTION IS REALLY IS, DO
24 YOU KNOW OF ANY POLL THAT MIGHT SHOW THAT A HOMELESS SALES TAX



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1 MIGHT JEOPARDIZE TRANSPORTATION OR PARKS AS A MEASURE? DO YOU
2 KNOW OF ANY SUCH POLLING THAT CAME FORWARD?

3

4 **SHAKARI BYERLY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND TO
5 THE BOARD. I APOLOGIZE MY NAME IS SHAKARI BYERLY, WITH
6 EVITARUS. I WORKED AS A CO-INVESTIGATOR ALONG WITH DAVID
7 BINDER RESEARCH ON THE POLLING THAT WAS DONE FOR THE COUNTY.
8 AND SUPERVISOR, TO YOUR QUESTION, THE APRIL POLL THAT WE
9 CONDUCTED ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WAS DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY TO
10 ASSESS WHETHER OR NOT THERE WERE INTERACTIONS BETWEEN A
11 POTENTIAL SALES TAX MEASURE FOR HOMELESSNESS, AND IN A
12 SEPARATE MEASURE FOR TRANSPORTATION AND WE DID NOT FIND A
13 NEGATIVE IMPACT ON EITHER.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS IT RELATES TO YOUR PRESENTATION,
16 SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL FUNDING OF HOMELESS MEASURES, THE PARCEL
17 TAX AFTER MEASURE-- AFTER MESSAGING MOVES FROM 67 TO 61 AND
18 THE THRESHOLD FOR A PARCEL TAX WOULD BE TWO-THIRDS, CORRECT?

19

20 **SHAKARI BYERLY:** THAT IS CORRECT.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE GENERAL TRANSACTION USE TAX STARTS OUT
23 AT 69 PERCENT. AND IT ENDS UP AT 60 PERCENT AFTER MESSAGING.
24 THE THRESHOLD IS 50 PERCENT, IS THAT NOT CORRECT?

25



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1 **SHAKARI BYERLY:** THAT IS CORRECT. I WOULD PROVIDE SOME CONTEXT.

2

3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PLEASE.

4

5 **SHAKARI BYERLY:** FOR THE NUMBERS ON THE MESSAGING. THAT
6 PARTICULAR MECHANISM WAS TESTED AS A HOMELESSNESS SERVICES AND
7 PARKS AND RECREATION MEASURE.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** COMBINED?

10

11 **SHAKARI BYERLY:** COMBINED. ALTHOUGH IT WAS A GENERAL PURPOSE,
12 THE ADVISORY LANGUAGE THAT WAS INCLUDED IN THE POLLING
13 QUESTION INDICATED THAT THE FUNDING WOULD BE USED FOR BOTH
14 PURPOSES.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT.

17

18 **SHAKARI BYERLY:** THEREFORE THE MESSAGE THAT RESONATED IN
19 OPPOSITION TO THAT APPROACH I BELIEVE WAS THE COMBINATION OF
20 PARKS AND HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER. SO THE 60 PERCENT IS LIKELY
21 IN RESPONSE TO THE VOTERS' CONCERN THAT PARKS AND HOMELESSNESS
22 DON'T NECESSARILY FIT TOGETHER WITH THIS PARTICULAR MECHANISM.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. AND THEN THE SPECIAL MARIJUANA
25 TAX STARTS AT 69 PERCENT. IT HAS TO MEET A TWO-THIRDS



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1 THRESHOLD. IT STARTS AT 69 PERCENT AND IT ENDS UP AT 64
2 PERCENT. SO IT DOESN'T QUITE MAKE IT ACCORDING TO THE POLLING
3 INFORMATION THAT'S BEFORE US. AM I CORRECT IN THAT REGARD?

4

5 **SHAKARI BYERLY:** THAT IS CORRECT. AFTER MESSAGING, IT FALLS
6 BELOW THE TWO-THIRDS THRESHOLD.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE GENERAL IS SAYING 64 PERCENT AFTER
9 MESSAGING. WHAT IS THAT? IT SAYS NOT APPLICABLE.

10

11 **SHAKARI BYERLY:** WE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY TEST VOTER SUPPORT FOR
12 A GENERAL PURPOSE MARIJUANA MEASURE FOR HOMELESSNESS WITH AN
13 ADVISORY MEASURE, SO WE CANNOT SPEAK TO VOTER SUPPORT FOR THAT
14 SPECIFIC MECHANISM. HOWEVER, AS I STATED IN MY INITIAL
15 COMMENTS, IT IS OUR OPINION THAT IF THERE ARE HIGH LEVELS OF
16 SUPPORT FOR A SPECIAL PURPOSE MEASURE, THAT THERE WILL LIKELY
17 BE COMPARABLE LEVELS OF SUPPORT IF THERE IS ADVISORY LANGUAGE
18 ON THE BALLOT.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MS. BYERLY. MADAME CHAIR, IF
21 YOU PERMIT, I WANT TO PROCEED WITH THE BALANCE OF MY
22 QUESTIONS. I HAVE QUESTIONS FOR THE C.E.O. AND THEY ARE AS
23 FOLLOWS: IS IT POSSIBLE TO PINPOINT HOW MUCH REVENUE WOULD BE
24 GENERATED BY RECREATIONAL AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA TAX UP TO THE



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1 10 PERCENT? IS IT POSSIBLE TO PROJECT THAT? AND IF NOT, WHY
2 NOT?

3

4 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** WELL, I BELIEVE THAT RIGHT NOW, AND IT IS
5 A SUMMARY, OR IT'S LISTED ON THE CHART, ANYWHERE BETWEEN \$78
6 MILLION TO \$130 MILLION IS THE PROJECTED DOLLAR AMOUNT. I
7 DON'T KNOW SPECIFICALLY THAT WE CAN PINPOINT THIS BECAUSE AT
8 THIS POINT WE'RE NOT SURE HOW MANY BUSINESSES WOULD BE
9 OPERATED THAT WE COULD ACTUALLY GET THE FUNDING FROM.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE SPEAKS TO "UP TO."
12 SO DOES THAT "UP TO" 'LANGUAGE MEAN, THEN, THAT IT IS NOT IN
13 ADDITION TO THE IMPRECISE NATURE, OWING TO NOT KNOWING HOW
14 MANY BUSINESSES THERE WILL BE, DOES THIS LANGUAGE OF "UP TO"
15 MEAN THAT IT COULD THEN BE LESS THAN \$80 MILLION OR GOING UP
16 TO \$32 MILLION?

17

18 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, PHIL ANSELL, DIRECTOR OF THE HOMELESS
19 INITIATIVE, THE ESTIMATE WE PROVIDED TO THE BOARD THAT'S
20 REFLECTED ON THIS SLIDE IS OUR ESTIMATED RANGE IF THE BOARD
21 WERE TO IMPOSE A TAX OF 10 PERCENT ON BOTH MEDICAL AND
22 RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA. THAT'S OUR ESTIMATED RANGE OF \$78 TO
23 \$130 MILLION. THAT'S BASED ON AN AMOUNT PER PERCENTAGE POINT.
24 SO A RANGE OF 7.8 PERCENT-- \$7.8 MILLION TO \$13 MILLION PER
25 PERCENTAGE POINT OF TAXATION IF THE BOARD WERE TO ADOPT A



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1 LOWER THAN 10 PERCENT TAX RATE FOR SOME OR ALL MARIJUANA
2 BUSINESSES, THEN OUR ESTIMATE WOULD BE REDUCED ACCORDINGLY.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO IS THE \$80 TO \$130 NUMBER IS AN
5 ESTIMATE AT BEST IN CONTRAST TO PARCEL OR E.U.T. THEN WE STILL
6 HAVE A BIT OF A SLIDING SCALE HERE AS TO "UP TO" THE LANGUAGE
7 IN THIS PARTICULAR PROPOSAL, WHICH MEANS THAT IT COULD BE LESS
8 THAN THE \$80 DEPENDING ON IF YOU MAXIMIZE THE 10 PERCENT.

9

10 **PHIL ANSELL:** CORRECT.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE NEXT QUESTION IS, DO WE KNOW WHAT THE
13 ONE TIME AND ONGOING COSTS WOULD BE TO SET UP THE TO
14 INFRASTRUCTURE TO REGULATE, MONITOR, INSPECT, ENFORCE AND TAX
15 THE MARIJUANA INDUSTRY, SHOULD IT BE LEGALIZED? DO WE KNOW
16 WHAT THE COSTS ARE IN THAT REGARD AND WHO WOULD HAVE THOSE
17 PROJECTIONS?

18

19 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** I DON'T BELIEVE WE HAVE THE COST
20 PROJECTIONS AT THIS TIME, SUPERVISOR.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ANY BALLPARK, ANY SENSE OF THAT AT ALL
23 THAT ANYBODY COULD TELL US WHAT WE'RE CONTEMPLATING?

24

25 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** I DEFER TO--



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO WAY TO KNOW THAT?

3

4 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** SUPERVISOR, ALL WE HAVE ARE COMPARISONS FROM
5 OTHER COUNTIES OF THE EXPENSES OR COSTS THAT HAVE BEEN
6 REPORTED. AND THEY'RE AROUND 25 PERCENT.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** 25 PERCENT OF?

9

10 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** OF THE REVENUE GENERATED IS THE EXPENSES AND
11 THE COSTS OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS. THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY
12 MEAN THAT THAT WAS THE COST TO RAMP UP OR PREPARE BEFORE YOU
13 COLLECTED THE TAX. WE DON'T HAVE THOSE FIGURES.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** DO WE KNOW THE COST TO THE COUNTY'S HEALTH
16 ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER SYSTEMS THAT WOULD RESULT FROM THE
17 LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA SHOULD WE GO FORWARD WITH AN
18 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN? DO WE HAVE ANY NUMBERS THERE AT THIS
19 TIME?

20

21 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** SUPERVISOR, CYNTHIA HARDING, INTERIM DIRECTOR
22 FOR PUBLIC HEALTH. I DO NOT HAVE THOSE NUMBERS TO SHARE AT
23 THIS TIME.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MY ADDITIONAL QUESTION TO THE C.E.O., IS
2 THERE MONEY IN THE BUDGET TO ADDRESS THE ONGOING PUBLIC HEALTH
3 COSTS AND OTHER IMPACTS OF THIS AT THIS POINT IN TIME?

4

5 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** AT THIS TIME WE HAVE NOT PUT ANYTHING IN
6 THE BUDGET.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO ASSUMING-- AND I ASSUME THAT'S
9 PREDICATED ON NOT KNOWING WHAT THE PROJECTIONS WOULD BE?

10

11 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** CORRECT.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE HAVEN'T ACCOUNTED FOR WHAT THE EXPENSES
14 MAY BE.

15

16 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** CORRECT.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** QUESTION OF COUNTY COUNSEL, WITH THE ADULT
19 USE OF MARIJUANA, ASSUMING THAT THERE WOULD BE PASSAGE, WE
20 DON'T KNOW THAT, BUT LET'S ASSUME FOR PURPOSE OF CONVERSATION
21 IT DOES, THE EARLIEST TAX ON RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA THAT COULD
22 BE COLLECTED IN ALL THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT NEEDS TO BE IN
23 PLACE WOULD BE?

24



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1 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** JANUARY 1, 2018, BECAUSE BEFORE THAT, NO
2 RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS WILL BE ABLE TO OPERATE IN THE
3 STATE OF CALIFORNIA BECAUSE THE STATE WILL NOT HAVE ISSUED ANY
4 STATE LICENSES.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND SO THE NUMBERS THAT WE'RE TALKING
7 ABOUT IN TERMS OF THE ESTIMATES, \$80 TO \$130, DON'T GET
8 REALIZED UNTIL JANUARY OF 2018 AT THE EARLIEST,

9

10 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** FOR RECREATIONAL.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY THOMAS:** FOR RECREATION. AND THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA
13 PROJECTIONS, I DON'T KNOW THAT THEY HAVE BEEN ARTICULATED IN
14 THE PRESENTATION. AND IF THEY HAVE, PERHAPS, BUT THEY'RE NOT
15 IN THE PRESENTATION AT THIS POINT, IS THAT CORRECT?

16

17 **PHIL ANSELL:** THEY ARE NOT IN TODAY'S PRESENTATION. TODAY'S
18 PRESENTATION HAS THE SUM OF MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL. HOWEVER,
19 IN OUR MEMO TO THE BOARD ON MAY 25TH, WE DID SEPARATELY
20 IDENTIFY AN ESTIMATE FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA OF \$13 MILLION
21 ANNUALLY BASED ON A 10 PERCENT TAX RATE.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT ACCOUNTS FOR THE EXEMPTIONS AND THE
24 LIKE THAT ARE ATTACHED TO THE USE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND
25 WHAT ALL THOSE ISSUES ARE?



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2 **PHIL ANSELL:** UNDER THE BOTH CURRENT LAW UNDER M.M.R.S.A. AND
3 THE ADULT USE OF MARIJUANA ACT, THE COUNTY HAS THE ABILITY TO
4 SEEK VOTER APPROVAL OF A BUSINESS LICENSE TAX ON MEDICAL
5 MARIJUANA, AND THIS ESTIMATE WAS BASED ON THAT, APPLYING 10
6 PERCENT TO INFORMATION FROM THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION ON
7 MEDICAL MARIJUANA SALES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE ADDITIONAL QUESTION I WANT TO POSE IS
10 ABOUT THIS CASH-BASED BUSINESS. I THINK COUNTY COUNSEL CAME
11 FORWARD WITH THE SUGGESTION THAT THEY'LL SET UP AN OPERATION
12 ON THE FIRST FLOOR AT ONE OF THE COUNTERS. ARE WE TO
13 UNDERSTAND, THEN, THAT THERE WOULD BE CASH TRANSACTIONS THERE?
14 THAT PEOPLE WOULD WALK IN WITH LARGE SUMS OF WHATEVER THEY'VE
15 BEEN ABLE TO GENERATE PURSUANT TO THE TRANSACTIONS?

16

17 **JOSEPH KELLY:** GOOD MORNING. JOE KELLY, TREASURER AND TAX
18 COLLECTOR. WE ENVISIONED THAT THE DISPENSERS OR OPERATORS WILL
19 PAY THE COUNTY TAX TO ME IN CASH AT THE CASHIERING OPERATION
20 ON THIS FLOOR, AND I WOULD UNDERTAKE A SECURITY REVIEW TO
21 DETERMINE WHATEVER I WOULD NEED TO-- WHATEVER OPERATIONAL
22 CHANGES I WOULD NEED TO MAKE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF MY STAFF
23 AND THOSE CONSTITUENTS WHO USE THE CASHIERING OPERATION FOR
24 OTHER PURPOSES.

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WHAT ABOUT THE 88 CITIES? THE QUESTION I
2 WANT TO POSE THERE IS, WOULDN'T YOU NEED TO WORK WITH THOSE
3 CITIES TO DEVELOP A UNIFORM APPROACH TO THE REGULATION? MAYBE
4 THAT'S A QUESTION THAT WE NEED TO GET SOME FEEDBACK ON,
5 PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
6 INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PUT THE
7 TAXATION AS WELL AS THE REGULATORY INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE.

8

9 **JOSEPH KELLY:** IN RESPECT TO THE TAXATION, THE PROPOSAL IS THAT
10 I WOULD DEVELOP WHATEVER ADMINISTRATIVE RULES THAT ARE
11 NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE BUSINESS TAX AND BECAUSE THIS WOULD
12 BE A COUNTY FRAMEWORK, THAT WOULD BE A RESPONSIBILITY THAT
13 WOULD BE SOLELY MINE.

14

15 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** SUPERVISOR, IF YOU'RE REFERRING TO THE LAND
16 USE REGULATION, EACH CITY WOULD MOST PROBABLY DEVELOP ITS OWN
17 LAND USE REGULATION, MUCH LIKE IT DEVELOPS ITS OWN ZONING CODE
18 AND THEY WOULD BE PARTICULAR TO THEIR OWN CIRCUMSTANCES AND
19 ADOPTED BY THEIR OWN CITY COUNCIL. SO THERE COULD BE 88
20 VARIATIONS.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** 88 VARIATIONS, HYPOTHETICALLY.

23



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1 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** EACH COMMUNITY COULD DEVELOP ITS OWN ZONING
2 LAW PECULIAR TO ITS OWN SITUATION AND IT WOULD BE FREE TO DO
3 SO.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WHILE YOU HAVE THE MICROPHONE, MR.
6 BRUCKNER, FROM A REGIONAL PLANNING PERSPECTIVE, STUDIES SHOW
7 THE STATE'S MOST OF THE MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES GROWING AND
8 PROCESSING FACILITIES ARE LOCATED IN COMMUNITIES WITH LOWER
9 SOCIOECONOMICS AND IN INDUSTRIAL AREAS. WHAT LAND USE
10 PROTECTIONS ARE YOU PROPOSING OR CONSIDERING THAT WOULD
11 ADDRESS THESE QUESTIONS? I HAVE A PARALLEL SET OF QUESTIONS
12 FOR PUBLIC HEALTH IN THIS REGARD.

13

14 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** IF THE BOARD WERE TO DIRECT US TO DEVELOP
15 ZONING CODES FOR RECREATIONAL OR MEDICAL MARIJUANA, WE COULD
16 CERTAINLY HAVE DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS. WE WOULD LOOK TO THE
17 EXPERIENCES, ALTHOUGH SPARSE, IN COLORADO, WASHINGTON, OREGON
18 AND ALSO OUR OWN EXPERIENCES WITH PERHAPS ALCOHOL SALES OR
19 ADULT NIGHT CLUBS AND SUCH TO ENSURE DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS AND
20 UNDUE-- THAT THERE WOULDN'T BE UNDUE CONCENTRATIONS.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO THE QUESTION THAT FOLLOWS-- I'M BEING
23 DISTRACTED OVER HERE-- CAN YOU REASONABLY ESTIMATE THE NUMBER
24 OF FACILITIES THAT WOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR BOTH CULTIVATION



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1 AS WELL AS DISPENSARIES COUNTYWIDE? ANY NOTION THAT YOU'RE
2 ENTERTAINING AT THIS MOMENT?

3

4 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** NO, SIR. BECAUSE AS I SAID EARLIER, EACH
5 INDIVIDUAL CITY WOULD HAVE ITS OWN APPROACH TO RETAIL SALES
6 CULTIVATION AND DISTRIBUTION AND PERHAPS TESTING LABS AS WELL.
7 SO IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE THAT.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. BRUCKNER, WHO DO YOU LOOK TO FOR
10 MODELS TO ADDRESS ANY OF THIS? AND DO WE HAVE SATISFACTORY
11 ORDINANCES, REGULATIONS IN PLACE THAT DEAL WITH THE
12 ANTICIPATED ADVERSE IMPACTS ON COMMUNITIES THAT ARE IDENTIFIED
13 WITH A LOWER SOCIONOMIC, ECONOMIC STATUS, ET CETERA, ET
14 CETERA? ARE WE ABLE TO SAY THAT THERE ARE SUCCESSFUL MODELS
15 THAT HAVE ADDRESSED THIS? AND IF SO, WHO ARE THEY?

16

17 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** SUPERVISOR, THIS IS AN EMERGING LAND USE AND
18 THERE ISN'T A LOT OF BACKGROUND DATA. WE HAVE CERTAINLY LOOKED
19 TO THE COUPLE OF YEARS IN COLORADO, WASHINGTON, OREGON AND OUR
20 COLLEAGUES UP NORTH, BUT IT'S FAIRLY SPARSE.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, MY
23 QUESTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS. YOU JUST RELEASED A PAPER LATE
24 YESTERDAY AFTERNOON ON THE PUBLIC IMPACTS OF MARIJUANA AND THE
25 IMPORTANCE OF A CAREFUL APPROACH TO NOT ONLY LEGALIZATION BUT



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1 TAXATION. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU COULD TELL US ABOUT THE--
2 YOUR ANALYSIS, HOW YOU GOT THERE, AND WHAT THE IMPORT OF THAT
3 IS. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THAT'S WORTH OUR BOARD AND OUR
4 AUDIENCE BEING MADE PRIVY TO.

5

6 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, CYNTHIA HARDING,
7 INTERIM DIRECTOR FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THE PURPOSE
8 OF THE BRIEF WE RELEASED YESTERDAY WAS TO LAY OUT SOME GENERAL
9 ISSUES THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED AS THE BOARD THINKS ABOUT
10 LEGALIZATION, REGULATION AND TAXATION OF MARIJUANA. AND A
11 COUPLE OF THINGS, JUST WE KNOW THAT MARIJUANA IS THE MOST
12 WIDELY USED ILLEGAL DRUG IN THE UNITED STATES. MEDICAL
13 MARIJUANA HAS BEEN LEGAL AS WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IN
14 CALIFORNIA AND HAS BEEN USED FOR PROMISING RESULTS FOR A
15 TREATMENT OF NUMBER OF CONDITIONS. HOWEVER, CHRONIC MARIJUANA
16 USE IS OF CONCERN BECAUSE IT CAN LEAD TO ADDICTION. AND WE'RE
17 PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT DEPENDENCY INCREASING AS THE AGE
18 OF INITIATION DROPS. SO WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT ADOLESCENT USE
19 OF MARIJUANA AS IT CAN RESULT IN IMPAIRED BRAIN DEVELOPMENT
20 AND AFFECT LEARNING AND MEMORY AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT.
21 WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT-- AND WE HOPE THAT THE BOARD WILL THINK
22 CAREFULLY ABOUT-- HOW LEGALIZATION COULD POTENTIALLY
23 EXACERBATE SOME OF THE INEQUITIES IN VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES
24 THAT WE CURRENTLY SEE WITH HIGH LEVELS OF CRIME AND
25 HOMELESSNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS AND OTHER PUBLIC



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1 HEALTH ISSUES. SO WE WANT TO THINK ABOUT THAT IN TERMS OF
2 REGULATION AND LEGALIZATION SO THAT WE ENSURE THAT THE
3 LEGALIZATION OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA USE DOES NOT CAUSE
4 GREATER HARM THAN GOOD, ESPECIALLY FOR ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG
5 PEOPLE. AND WE THINK ABOUT THE KIND OF REGULATION AND TAXATION
6 STRUCTURE THAT WOULD SUPPORT OUR NEEDS. IF THE VOTERS CHOOSE
7 TO LEGALIZE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA USE, WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT
8 TAXATION. WE KNOW THAT WE DON'T WANT TO TAX IT SO HIGH THAT IT
9 ENCOURAGES A BLACK MARKET, AN ILLICIT MARKET TO CONTINUE.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ON THAT POINT, I WAS A LITTLE STRUCK BY
12 THE FACT THAT COUNTY COUNSEL SAID IN THE AGGREGATE IT'S
13 SOMEWHERE AROUND 30 ODD PERCENT?

14

15 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** YES, SUPERVISOR, IT WAS ABOUT 34 PERCENT
16 TOTAL IF YOU ADDED UP THE STATE, THE LOCAL AND ALL--

17

18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IMPOSED ON DIFFERENT POPULATIONS, HOWEVER,
19 IS THAT CORRECT? SALES TAX FOR THE STATE BUT BUSINESS TAX FOR
20 THE COUNTY?

21

22 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** THAT'S CORRECT, YES.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT IN THE AGGREGATE.

25



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1 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** YES. THE END USER MIGHT END UP PAYING AN
2 ADDITIONAL 34 PERCENT.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH, SO ANY SENSE AMONG THE BUDGET GURUS
5 OR THE SPECIALISTS HERE ASSEMBLED IN THE UNDERGROUND MARKET
6 WHAT THE TIPPING POINT IS? AT WHAT POINT-- I SAW A HAND OUT
7 THERE? YEAH. [LAUGHTER.]

8

9 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** I THINK YOUR POINT IS REALLY WELL TAKEN,
10 SUPERVISOR. WE NEED TO DO ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS ON THIS
11 PARTICULARLY. RESEARCH IS NEEDED ESPECIALLY TO DETERMINE THE
12 APPROPRIATE TAXATION LEVEL SO WE DON'T PUSH THINGS OVER TO A
13 BLACK MARKET AND THAT IT'S TAXED AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL THAT
14 HELPS TO DEAL WITH THE SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS AND OTHER
15 PREVENTION THAT WE COULD WITH TAX REVENUE.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO THEN IS IT A REASONABLE INFERENCE THAT
18 PUBLIC HEALTH, AS YOU SEEK TO ADVISE US IN THIS REGARD, THAT
19 WE BE VERY, VERY CONCERNED AND BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT HOW WE
20 PROCEED WITH THE REGULATION AND THE TAXATION OF MARIJUANA? I
21 DON'T WANT TO PUT WORDS IN YOUR MOUTH. I NEED YOU TO SAY WHAT
22 THE POSITION OF PUBLIC HEALTH MIGHT BE IN THIS CONNECTION. I
23 KNOW WHAT'S BEEN WRITTEN IN YOUR REPORT. IT'S EXPLICIT THAT
24 THE USE OF MARIJUANA HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE NEGATIVE
25 IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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1 RESIDENTS. I'M QUOTING. DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTS COMMUNITIES
2 WITH HIGH LEVELS OF CRIME, HOMELESSNESS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE
3 DISORDERS AND OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES. LEGALIZATION, YOU
4 SUGGEST, MAY EXACERBATE THESE INEQUITIES ACROSS COMMUNITIES.
5 ANY POLICY REGARDING THE REGULATION AND TAXATION OF MARIJUANA
6 MUST PRIORITIZE THESE COMMUNITIES AND ENSURE THAT MARIJUANA
7 LEGALIZATION DOES NOT CAUSE GREATER HARM THAN GOOD TO
8 DISADVANTAGED AND VULNERABLE AREAS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I
9 QUOTE THE DOCUMENT THAT YOU RELEASED YESTERDAY. MY QUESTION
10 IS: WHAT SHOULD WE TAKE AWAY FROM THIS IN TERMS OF HOW WE
11 WOULD MOVE FORWARD FROM A PUBLIC HEALTH PERSPECTIVE? AND IF IN
12 FACT THIS IS ADVISABLE OR IS CAUTION THAT WHICH WE SHOULD BE
13 GOVERNED BY?

14

15 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I BELIEVE WE NEED
16 TO PROCEED WITH CAUTION AS WAS STATED IN THAT REPORT. WE NEED
17 TO LOOK AT AND LEARN FROM, AS MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SAID, WHAT
18 COLORADO AND WASHINGTON ARE DOING, LOOK AT WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT
19 TOBACCO POLICY AND TAXATION OF TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL AND WHAT
20 WE'VE LEARNED ABOUT THOSE PRODUCTS, AS WELL. THE END STORY
21 HERE IS THAT WE'RE TRYING TO PROTECT ADOLESCENT YOUTHS. AND WE
22 NEED TO THINK ABOUT ALL OF THIS IN THAT CONTEXT. SO I THINK
23 IT'S CRITICAL THAT WE LEARN FROM EXPERIENCES OF OTHER
24 JURISDICTIONS THAT WE PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY AND CAREFULLY AS WE
25 THINK ABOUT BOTH REGULATION AND TAXATION IN THIS AREA.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I ALWAYS LOVE
7 THESE MEETINGS. THEY'RE SO ENTERTAINING TO ME. I FEEL LIKE I'M
8 AT AN EPISODE OF "REEFER MADNESS" HERE. [LAUGHTER.]

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SPEAK FOR YOURSELF.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** YOUNG PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT NEVER SAW
13 "REEFER MADNESS," I REALLY RECOMMEND IT, BECAUSE IT WILL DO
14 EVERYTHING BUT MAKE YOU GO BLIND AND YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY
15 ABOUT THAT, AS WELL. I GUESS THE QUESTIONS POSED BY MY
16 COLLEAGUE ARE VERY FAIR. BECAUSE SO FAR POLLS ARE SHOWING THAT
17 THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA APPEAR TO BE FAVORABLE, NOTHING IS
18 EVER GUARANTEED, BUT APPEAR TO BE FAVORABLE ABOUT THE
19 STATEWIDE INITIATIVE. AS I INDICATED LAST WEEK AND I THINK WE
20 ALL AGREE, IT'S NECESSARY FOR THE COUNTY TO PREPARE IN THE
21 CASE THAT THERE MAY BE A LEGALIZATION OF RECREATIONAL
22 MARIJUANA. THE QUESTION IS HOW TO PREPARE. ONE OF THE
23 INTERESTING THINGS TO ME ABOUT THE APPROACH OF THIS COUNTRY TO
24 MARIJUANA AND THE APPROACH TO THIS COUNTRY OF ALCOHOL, IT KIND
25 OF REMINDS ME A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE WAY WE'VE CRIMINALIZED



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1 AND PUNISHED DIFFERENT KINDS OF COCAINE, DEPENDING ON THE
2 KINDS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE USING THEM. IT'S REALLY KIND OF THE
3 SAME WITH BOOZE AND WITH MARIJUANA. SPECIFICALLY MARIJUANA.
4 SPEAKING AS A PERSON AND I'LL SAY IN RECOVERY, I DON'T DO
5 EITHER OF THEM ANYMORE, BUT THE INDUSTRY THAT TOOK OVER THE
6 DISTRIBUTION AND MANUFACTURE OF ALCOHOL HAS BEEN VERY, VERY
7 SUCCESSFUL IN NOT GETTING US TO TAX EVERY DRINK THAT YOU TAKE.
8 AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE LIONIZE THE CALIFORNIA ALCOHOL
9 INDUSTRY, OUR WINES, WHICH ARE, YOU KNOW, DISTRIBUTED
10 WORLDWIDE. AND YET THE EFFECT ON PUBLIC HEALTH OF ALCOHOL IS,
11 SO FAR AS I CAN TELL, AND MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE MARIJUANA IS MORE
12 DIFFICULT TO GET, STILL, GREATER, FAR GREATER THAN WHAT WE SEE
13 IN TERMS OF THE EFFECT ON PUBLIC HEALTH SO FAR OF MARIJUANA.
14 SO THE QUESTION I THINK FOR THE COUNTY IS: HOW DO WE
15 SPECIFICALLY PREPARE TO REGULATE IN EVERY WAY EVERY ASPECT OF
16 A MARIJUANA BUSINESS THAT MAY BE LEGALIZED BY THE STATE.
17 WHETHER WE BELIEVE IT'S A GOOD THING OR NOT I FRANKLY THINK IF
18 WE WERE TO CRIMINALIZE ALCOHOL, IT WOULD MAKE IT A LITTLE MORE
19 EVEN WITH MARIJUANA, BUT I DIDN'T LIKE THE IDEA OF
20 CRIMINALIZING ANY OF THESE LOW LEVEL DRUGS, TO TELL YOU THE
21 TRUTH. ONE OF THE BEST THE THINGS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF
22 LEGALIZING RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA IS NOT CRIMINALIZING THE
23 BEHAVIOR OF SMOKING A JOINT. [APPLAUSE] BECAUSE THE SUFFERING
24 THAT PEOPLE HAVE GONE THROUGH. AND WE'VE SEEN IT FROM A LOT OF
25 DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF CRIMINALIZATION. I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S



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1 BEEN A PUBLIC HEALTH STUDY ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF ENDLESS
2 INCARCERATION, GENERATION AFTER GENERATION, ON FAMILIES. BUT
3 I'LL BET THERE'S A PROBLEM, A LARGE PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM
4 THERE, TOO. BUT I GUESS WHAT I WANT TO ASK. LET ME ASK ABOUT
5 THIS ISSUE OF CASH PAYMENT FOR TAXES. IT'S VERY INTERESTING TO
6 ME. DOES ANYONE EVER COME IN AND PAY CASH FOR TAXES?

7

8 **JOSEPH KELLY:** SUPERVISOR, YES. WE HAVE PROPERTY TAXES ARE THE
9 MAIN PAYMENTS THAT WE ACCEPT AT THE CASHIER WINDOW. WE HAVE A
10 GROUP OF FOLKS WHO COME IN ON A REGULAR BASIS EVERY YEAR WITH
11 SHOPPING BAGS FULL OF CASH TO PAY THEIR PROPERTY TAXES.
12 HOWEVER THAT'S NOT THE NORM. THAT IS AN EXCEPTION. THIS TAX
13 WOULD BE DIFFERENT BECAUSE THESE ARE BUSINESSES THAT BANKS
14 GENERALLY DO NOT BANK, BECAUSE OF THE DISCONNECT WITH FEDERAL
15 LAW.

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I'M SORRY, LET ME ASK COUNSEL IS THERE
18 ANYTHING IN THE INITIATIVE THAT SAYS ANYTHING ABOUT BANKING?

19

20 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** NO, THERE IS NOT.

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO ARE WE ASSUMING BANKS WOULD STILL BE
23 PRECLUDED BECAUSE THEY ARE LICENSED FEDERALLY? THEY WOULD
24 STILL BE PRECLUDED FROM DEALING--? AND WHAT ABOUT ARE ALL
25 FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS REGULATED THE SAME WAY SO THAT NO ONE



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1 WOULD BE ALLOWED TO DEAL WITH MARIJUANA BUSINESSES EVEN IF THE
2 BUSINESSES WERE LEGALLY LICENSED?

3

4 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** SUPERVISOR, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT BANKS
5 THAT ARE FEDERALLY REGULATED, THE FEDERAL LAW WOULD APPLY. I'M
6 NOT 100 PERCENT CERTAIN ON--

7

8 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BECAUSE THERE ARE STATE REGULATED BANKS, AS
9 WELL THAT ARE NOT FEDERALLY REGULATED?

10

11 **JUDY WHITEHURST:** IT COULD BE STATE CREDIT UNIONS, BUT IT--

12

13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IF I WERE A CREDIT UNION I'D JUMP ON THIS
14 BUSINESS IN A MINUTE. [LAUGHTER.] REALLY, THINK ABOUT IT.
15 [APPLAUSE.] I MAY EVEN START ONE WHEN I LEAVE HERE. THE ONLY
16 THING THAT I FIND INTERESTING ABOUT OUR DISCUSSION, AND I'M
17 NOT MAKING FUN OF ANY OF THESE DISCUSSIONS. MY WAY TO TALK IS
18 USUALLY TO LIGHTEN A SITUATION SO THAT PEOPLE ARE AMUSED. BUT,
19 YOU KNOW, WE UNDERSTAND THE SERIOUSNESS OF IT, I'M NOT TRYING
20 TO MAKE FUN OF ANY OF IT. BUT I'M VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF OUR
21 PREPARATION FOR SOMETHING THAT WE MAY HAVE TO TAKE INTO
22 ACCOUNT. AND ALSO I THINK COULD BE VERY HELPFUL FOR US. IF
23 THERE ARE INCREASED PUBLIC HEALTH COSTS, ONE OF THE WAYS WE
24 PAY FOR INCREASED COSTS IS WE PUT SOME KIND OF SURCHARGE TAX,
25 SOMETHING ON WHATEVER'S CAUSING IT. AND, YOU KNOW, WE MADE IT



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1 A LAW THAT YOU HAD TO WEAR A HELMET WHEN YOU WERE RIDING A
2 MOTORCYCLE BECAUSE YOU WERE COSTING SO DARN MUCH DASHING YOUR
3 BRAINS OUT WHEN WE TAKE YOU TO OUR HOSPITALS. IT'S A
4 MISDEMEANOR, BUT YOU STILL HAVE TO WEAR YOUR HELMET. AND I
5 THINK IN THIS CASE, A NUMBER OF ISSUES-- AND I THINK, PHIL, I
6 WANT TO ASK YOU, ARE THERE ISSUES OF ADDICTION RELATED TO OUR
7 HOMELESS POPULATION. I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT MARIJUANA, I'M
8 TALKING ABOUT ANY KIND YOU CAN THINK OF.

9

10 **PHIL ANSELL:** YES, SUPERVISOR, THE 2016 HOMELESS COUNT
11 CONDUCTED BY THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY,
12 WHICH IS A COUNTY-WIDE COUNT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF GLENDALE,
13 PASADENA AND LONG BEACH, FOUND THAT APPROXIMATELY 30 PERCENT
14 OF THE COUNTY HOMELESS POPULATION HAS A SUBSTANCE ABUSE
15 PROBLEM.

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AND DID THEY DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THE
18 VARIOUS KINDS OF SUBSTANCES? OR WAS IT JUST, YOU HAVE AN
19 ALCOHOL PROBLEM, YOU HAVE A DRUG PROBLEM.

20

21 **PHIL ANSELL:** TO THE BEST OF MY RECOLLECTION, THE DATA THAT I'M
22 AWARE OF DID NOT DIFFERENTIATE.

23

24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BUT IT INCLUDED ALCOHOLISM.

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1 **PHIL ANSELL:** CERTAINLY.

2

3 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO IT WOULD NOT BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR US TO
4 DEVOTE ANY TAX THAT WE MAY DECIDE TO PLACE ON BUSINESSES
5 PROFITING FROM THE SALE OF MARIJUANA, IT WOULD NOT BE
6 INAPPROPRIATE TO FIND A NEXUS WITH EXPENDITURES FOR SUBSTANCE
7 ABUSE TREATMENT FOR OUR HOMELESS POPULATION, IS THAT CORRECT?
8 THAT WAS A DIRECTED QUESTION.

9

10 **PHIL ANSELL:** BASED ON THE DATA FROM LOS ANGELES HOMELESS
11 SERVICES AUTHORITY, I THINK IT WOULD NOT BE INCORRECT TO
12 IDENTIFY A CERTAIN NEXUS THERE WITH THE CAVEAT THAT THAT DATA
13 AT LEAST DOES NOT DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN MARIJUANA AND OTHER
14 SUBSTANCES.

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** DOES SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT
17 DIFFERENTIATE? IT'S KIND OF LIKE YOU COME TO-- HAVE WE MOVED
18 IT OUT OF PUBLIC HEALTH? WE HAVE. INTO AGENCY? SUBSTANCE ABUSE
19 TREATMENT? WHATEVER. YOU COME FOR TREATMENT AND YOU GET
20 TREATMENT, RIGHT? IT'S NOT LIKE "OH, WE DON'T HANDLE PEOPLE
21 HERE WHO ARE ADDICTED TO ALCOHOL."

22

23 **PHIL ANSELL:** I WOULD DEFER TO CYNTHIA HARDING ON THAT
24 QUESTION.

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I WOULD, TOO.

2

3 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** YOU ARE CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. WE RECEIVE
4 ANYBODY WHO NEEDS TREATMENT REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE SUBSTANCE
5 THEY'RE USING IS.

6

7 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO I GUESS MY FINAL QUESTION, PHIL, IF I
8 MAY, I WANT TO FOLLOW UP ON WHAT MY COLLEAGUE ASKED ABOUT HOW
9 MUCH MONEY MIGHT BE GENERATED, BECAUSE I NOTICED FROM THE
10 PRESENTATION, IT KIND OF INCREASES AS THEY GO ALONG IN THE
11 OTHER STATES, AS PEOPLE THINK "OH, I CAN GO BUY THIS STUFF AND
12 NOT GET ARRESTED SO MAYBE I WILL." BUT YOUR ESTIMATE ON THE
13 LOW END OF \$80 MILLION A YEAR, DID I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU
14 ESTIMATED THAT BASED ON THE BUSINESS OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA?

15

16 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, IN OUR MEMORANDUM TO THE BOARD ON MAY
17 25TH, RESPONDING TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION OF MAY 17TH, WE
18 PROVIDED AN ESTIMATE OF THE POTENTIAL TAX REVENUE FOR BOTH
19 MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA AND DESCRIBED A
20 METHODOLOGY. IN THAT MEMO, WE STATED THAT THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL
21 UNCERTAINTY ASSOCIATED WITH THE ESTIMATE OF THE REVENUE THAT
22 COULD BE GENERATED FOR A SERIES OF REASONS. THE ONLY HARD DATA
23 POINT THAT WAS AVAILABLE TO US IS THE AMOUNT OF MEDICAL
24 MARIJUANA SALES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY BECAUSE THAT IS
25 AVAILABLE FROM THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. SO WE HAVE A SOLID



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1 ESTIMATE AS TO THE TAX REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED ON
2 MEDICAL MARIJUANA, ABSENT THE POSSIBILITY THAT DIFFERENTIAL
3 TAX RATES BETWEEN MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA MIGHT
4 INCREASE MEDICAL MARIJUANA SALES. BUT TAKING-- BASED ON
5 CURRENT MEDICAL MARIJUANA REVENUE, WE WERE ABLE-- OR SALES, WE
6 WERE ABLE TO ESTIMATE THAT. SO THE QUESTION, THEN, THE
7 CHALLENGE IS HOW TO GO FROM THAT KNOWN NUMBER TO ESTIMATE THE
8 REVENUE THAT COULD BE GENERATED.

9

10 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WHAT WAS THE KNOWN NUMBER IN THE LAST YEAR
11 COLLECTED?

12

13 **PHIL ANSELL:** OUR ESTIMATE WAS \$13 MILLION BASED ON A 10
14 PERCENT TAX. SO THAT WAS BASED ON \$130 MILLION IN SALES.

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THAT WAS SALES ONLY, NOT CULTIVATION OR
17 DISTRIBUTION?

18

19 **PHIL ANSELL:** YES, THAT'S CORRECT. THAT WAS BASED ONLY ON THE
20 END USER AMOUNT. SO TO THE EXTENT THAT THE TAX WERE IMPOSED
21 UPSTREAM IN THE PRODUCTION PROCESS, AS WELL, THAT COULD
22 GENERATE ADDITIONAL REVENUE. THOUGH I WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT
23 THAT WOULD THEN INCREASE THE AGGREGATE TAX IMPACT FOR THE END-
24 USERS AND POTENTIALLY RESULT IN GREATER SALES IN THE ILLICIT
25 MARKET. SO THERE IS THAT TRADEOFF AND THERE'S SPECULATION AS



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1 TO WHERE THAT OPTIMIZATION POINT WOULD BE. BUT WITH RESPECT TO
2 OUR ESTIMATE ON RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA, WE LOOK TO AN ESTIMATE
3 WE COULD FIND. THE BEST ESTIMATE WE COULD FIND OF THE TOTAL
4 RETAIL VALUE OF THE CALIFORNIA MARIJUANA INDUSTRY, WHICH WAS
5 \$3 TO \$5 BILLION. WE THEN COMPARED THAT TO THE KNOWN STATEWIDE
6 NUMBER OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND ESTABLISHED A RATIO. AND THEN
7 BASED ON THAT, WE ESTIMATED THAT THE TAX PER PERCENTAGE POINT
8 FOR RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA WOULD BE 5 TO 9 TIMES THE TAX THAT
9 WOULD BE GENERATED FOR RECREATIONAL COMPARED TO MEDICAL
10 MARIJUANA.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** DID YOU SAY THERE WAS A CURRENTLY KNOWN
13 NUMBER FOR THE TOTAL MARIJUANA INDUSTRY IN CALIFORNIA?

14

15 **PHIL ANSELL:** IT IS NOT A KNOWN NUMBER. THERE IS AN ESTIMATE OF
16 \$3 TO \$5 BILLION.

17

18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BILLION.

19

20 **PHIL ANSELL:** BILLION. BUT THAT IS-- FIRST, THAT'S A BIG RANGE,
21 \$3 TO \$5 BILLION. THERE'S SUBSTANTIAL UNCERTAINTY BECAUSE WITH
22 THE EXCEPTION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA, IT'S AN ILLICIT MARKET.
23 AND ADDITIONALLY AS WE NOTED IN OUR MEMO, WE DON'T KNOW TO
24 WHAT EXTENT THE ILLICIT MARKET WOULD CONTINUE NOR TO WHAT
25 EXTENT THE CONTINUATION OF THE ILLICIT MARKET MAY BE



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1 INFLUENCED BY THE RATE OF TAXATION. SO OUR ESTIMATE ASSUMED
2 EXPLICITLY THE ELIMINATION OF THE ILLICIT MARKET. IN OTHER
3 WORDS, WE SAID IF 100 PERCENT OF THE NON-MEDICAL MARIJUANA
4 SALES WERE TO BE LEGAL RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA, THIS IS THE
5 ESTIMATED TAX REVENUE. SO THERE ARE-- IN SUM, THERE IS A RANGE
6 OF UNCERTAINTY ASSOCIATED BOTH WITH THE CURRENT SIZE OF THE
7 MARKET AND THE PERCENTAGE OF THE MARKET THAT WOULD GO REMAIN
8 ILLICIT AND THE PERCENTAGE OF THE OTHERWISE RECREATIONAL
9 MARKET THAT MIGHT MIGRATE TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA BASED ON
10 DIFFERENTIAL STATE TAX RATES.

11
12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THIS MAY BE KNOWN BETTER BY PEOPLE IN THE
13 AUDIENCE WHO MIGHT NOT WANT TO TESTIFY THAT THEY KNOW BETTER
14 ABOUT IT, BUT HOW DOES THE PRICE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA COMPARE
15 TO THE ILLICIT MARKET? I MEAN IN THE OLD, OLD DAYS, EVERYTHING
16 WAS VERY CHEAP. BUT MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT CURRENTLY IN THE
17 ILLICIT MARKET, THE PRODUCT IS MUCH STRONGER AND THE PRICE IS
18 MUCH HIGHER. BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT COMPARES TO MEDICAL
19 MARIJUANA WHEN YOU GO AND BUY IT LEGALLY WITH A PRESCRIPTION.
20 SO I'M NOT CERTAIN IF ANY OF YOU KNOWS OR IF YOU WOULD ADMIT
21 KNOWING. BUT I WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW WHETHER LEGALIZING
22 SOMETHING BRINGS THE PRICE DOWN BECAUSE OFTEN WHEN YOU HAVE
23 TO-- YOU KNOW THE RISK INCLUDED WOULD KIND OF RAISE THE PRICE.
24 AND YOU WOULD PAY WHATEVER WAS ASKED IF YOU WANTED TO GET IT.
25 BUT I DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY KNOWS. OKAY. NOBODY'S GOING TO SAY



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1 THEY KNOW. [LAUGHTER.] SO WE'LL JUST SPECULATE. THANK YOU,
2 MADAME CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAD SOME
5 QUESTIONS.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. THE PROBLEM WE HAVE OF COURSE
8 TODAY IS THE REPORT THAT'S BEING PRESENTED IS INCOMPLETE. IT
9 FAILED TO INCLUDE HOW LEGALIZATION AFFECTS FAMILIES,
10 INDIVIDUALS IN SOCIETY ALONG WITH THE CONCERN THAT THIS
11 DECISION ON-- DISCUSSION ON MARIJUANA IS TOO NARROW, NOT FULLY
12 THOUGHT OUT. WE ALL KNOW THERE ARE LOTS OF ACTIVITIES THAT CAN
13 GENERATE REVENUES, AND WE HAVE A VERY SERIOUS OBLIGATION TO
14 ENSURE WHAT THOSE ARE. SO TO HAVE THIS INTELLIGENT DISCUSSION,
15 WE NEED THAT FULL REPORT, NOT TO GUESS WHAT COULD HAPPEN
16 BECAUSE WE HAVE STATES THAT HAVE ALREADY LEGALIZED MARIJUANA.
17 FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, THE NUMBER OF YOUTH
18 BETWEEN THE AGES OF 12 AND 17 WHO HAD SEIZURES TRIPLED, NEARLY
19 TRIPLED, WENT FROM 28 PERCENT TO 74 PERCENT. THE CALLS TO THIS
20 WASHINGTON POISON CENTER BY YOUTH UNDER 20 SHOT UP BY 80
21 PERCENT. SO THERE'S A SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEM THERE. ANOTHER
22 PROBLEM RELATIVE TO THE CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURE AND THE
23 TESTING IS HOW IT RUNS COUNTER TO OUR PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH
24 ON DRUG POLICIES. MARIJUANA IS THE SECOND LEADING SUBSTANCE
25 FOR PEOPLE RECEIVING DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT AND A MAJOR CAUSE



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1 FOR CASELOADS IN OUR EMERGENCY ROOMS. EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT
2 MARIJUANA IS TIED TO DEPENDENCE AND ADDICTION, A PROBLEM THAT
3 CAN BECOME A VERY MAJOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY THREAT. IT
4 UNDERMINES ONCE AGAIN THE PREVENTATIVE HEALTH STRATEGIES,
5 WHICH IS THE CORNERSTONE OF HOW WE IMPROVE OVERALL PUBLIC
6 HEALTH. SO THIS IMPACT DOES INCREASE AVAILABILITY AND HEIGHTEN
7 THE NEGATIVE HEALTH CONSEQUENCES ESPECIALLY AMONG OUR YOUTH.
8 THE STUDIES INDICATE THAT THE POTENCY OF THE MARIJUANA TODAY
9 IS TRIPLE OF THAT FROM THE PAST 20 YEARS, WHICH WHAT ARE NOW
10 GOING TO BE THE LONG TERM IMPACTS ON THOSE USING TODAY'S
11 HIGHLY POTENT MARIJUANA IN YEARS AHEAD? IT'S GOING TO BE A
12 DEPENDENCY BY THE TAXPAYERS TO PAY FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS IN
13 OUR HEALTH INSTITUTIONS. SO WE NEED DATA ON THE IMPACTS. I
14 KNOW IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, THE NUMBER OF FATAL ACCIDENTS
15 INCREASED BY 120 PERCENT. 120 PERCENT. IN COLORADO, MARIJUANA-
16 RELATED TRAFFIC DEATHS INCREASED 92 PERCENT AFTER
17 LEGALIZATION. SO ISSUES RELATED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE
18 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, AGAIN THEY HAD BEEN RAISED IN THE PAST
19 RELATIVE TO THE ISSUES OF WATER, THE GROUND WATER QUALITY ON
20 OUR LOCAL WATERWAYS, HOW THIS ENDANGERS THE LIVES OF OUR
21 CHILDREN WHO PLAY ON THE STREETS OR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
22 AGENCIES THAT DEAL WITH THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF MARIJUANA. SO
23 IT CANNOT BE ADEQUATELY ASSESSED BY THE BOARD UNTIL WE HAVE A
24 COMPREHENSIVE STUDY THAT GIVES US THIS INFORMATION. I'D LIKE
25 TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I KNOW WE



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1 HAVE SOME REPRESENTATIVES HERE ON THIS ISSUE. RICHARD, THANK
2 YOU FOR ATTENDING TODAY'S HEARING. BUT THERE'S FOUR QUESTIONS
3 I HAVE. ONE, COULD YOU DESCRIBE THE EXTEND TO WHICH YOU AND
4 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN FOLLOWING THE IMPACTS
5 AMERICA'S-- I SHOULD SAY THE IMPACTS OF MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION
6 IN OUR OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY?

7

8 **GLEN WALSH:** YES, SIR. AND GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GLEN WALSH.
9 I'M A SERGEANT FOR L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SCIENCE
10 AND NARCOTICS BUREAU. IF WE LOOK SPECIFICALLY AT YOUR
11 QUESTION, MYSELF AND SEVERAL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NARCOTICS
12 BUREAU HAVE TRAINED AND ATTENDED TRAINING IN AT LEAST HALF A
13 DOZEN STATES TO INCLUDE COLORADO AND WASHINGTON. IF WE LOOK
14 SPECIFICALLY AT COLORADO, I HAVE ATTENDED TWO CONFERENCES
15 SINCE LEGALIZATION. ONE WAS PUT ON BY C.D.I.A., WHICH IS THE
16 CALIFORNIA DRUG INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION. ONE WAS PUT ON BY
17 THE CHIEF OF POLICE ASSOCIATION. AND IT WAS CALLED "TWO YEARS
18 AFTER LEGALIZATION: DEALING WITH THE IMPACT." ALSO, MYSELF AND
19 ANOTHER MEMBER OF NARCOTICS BUREAU ARE PART OF A NATIONAL WIDE
20 WORKING GROUP THAT IS RAN BY C.D.I.A., THE COLORADO DRUG
21 INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION, TO LOOK SPECIFICALLY TO SOUND DRUG
22 POLICY AND HOW MARIJUANA, WHETHER IT'S RECREATIONAL OR
23 MEDICAL, INTEGRATE INTO A SOUND DRUG POLICY AND THE RISKS THAT
24 IT POSED TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND CAN YOU SHARE SOME OF THOSE IMPACTS WITH
2 THE BOARD TODAY AND THE PUBLIC?

3

4 **GLEN WALSH:** YES, SIR. I WOULD LIKE TO START WITH A QUOTE
5 ACTUALLY. BOTH THE STATE OF WASHINGTON AND THE STATE OF
6 COLORADO HAVE PRODUCED REPORTS REGARDING THE SOCIAL COSTS
7 DEALING WITH IT. ONE RECENTLY PUBLISHED BY THE STATE OF
8 WASHINGTON TO QUOTE DAVID RODRIGUEZ WHO IS THE EXECUTIVE
9 DIRECTOR OF THE NORTHWEST HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA
10 COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS H.I.D.T.A., SAID DATA COMPILED IN THIS
11 REPORT SHOWS THAT THE DECISION TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA WAS NOT
12 WITHOUT HARM. UNFORTUNATELY, MANY OF THE REPORTED OUTCOMES
13 SHOW THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF THE GOALS THAT WERE SOLD IN THE
14 INITIATIVE TO VOTERS. WE NOW SEE CLEARLY THAT MARIJUANA IS
15 INCREASINGLY HURTING OUR YOUTH. BLACK MARKET SALES HAVE NOT
16 DISAPPEARED. THE AMOUNT OF CRIME DUE TO MARIJUANA HAS ACTUALLY
17 GONE UP. AND WASHINGTON HAS BECOME A NET EXPORTER OF CANNABIS
18 TO OTHER STATES. IF WE LOOK AT COLORADO, THEY HAVE PRODUCED
19 SIMILAR REPORTS. THEY ALMOST MIRROR EACH OTHER. ALL THE TREND
20 LINES FOR SOCIAL ISSUES REGARDING MARIJUANA ARE DEFINITELY
21 TRENDING UP. WE TALKED ABOUT YOUTH AND THE LADY FROM THE
22 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SPOKE ELOQUENTLY ABOUT THE THREATS
23 POSED TO OUR YOUTH. SPECIFICALLY IF WE LOOK AT COLORADO BEFORE
24 LEGALIZATION, THEY WERE FOURTH IN THE NATION FOR WHAT'S CALLED
25 PAST MONTH USE, ANYONE 17 YEARS AND UNDER. CURRENTLY THEY ARE



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1 NUMBER 1 IN THE NATION FOR PAST MONTH USE. THAT'S JUST AN
2 EXAMPLE OF THE TWO DIFFERENT STATES THERE.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW QUICKLY COULD YOU PROVIDE OUR BOARD AND
5 THE PUBLIC THE REPORT THAT YOU ARE WORKING ON?

6

7 **GLEN WALSH:** I HAVE BOTH COLORADO'S AND THEY'VE HAD SEVERAL
8 REPORTS AND WASHINGTON'S REPORT WITH ME TODAY THAT I'M MORE
9 THAN HAPPY TO GIVE YOU ELECTRONICALLY. EACH OF THEM, THOUGH,
10 ARE OVER 170 PAGES. IF YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO EXTRACT DATA OUT
11 OF THERE TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR YOU TO READ, THAT WILL TAKE ME
12 SEVERAL-- AT LEAST FEW IF NOT SEVERAL DAYS, SIR.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD SUGGEST YOU EXTRACT AND THEN AT THE
15 END OF YOUR ELECTRONIC EMAIL WHERE WE CAN ACCESS THE 170 PAGES
16 SO THAT AT LEAST WE CAN GET THAT INFORMATION IN A SHORTER
17 VERSION BEFORE WE LOOK AT THE 170 PAGES.

18

19 **GLEN WALSH:** I WILL DEFINITELY MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE BOTH THE
20 REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON AND COLORADO TODAY AND I'LL EXTRACT
21 INFORMATION AND GET IT TO YOU HOPEFULLY BY THE END OF THE
22 WEEK.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. AND DO YOU HAVE A SENSE OF THE
25 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S CURRENT RESOURCES TO CONDUCT THESE



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1 PROACTIVE ENFORCEMENT AND THE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES THAT WOULD
2 BE NEEDED IF A BALLOT INITIATIVE WOULD PASS?

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4 **ROD KUSCH:** I'D LIKE TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION. BUT IN KEEPING
5 WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S LIGHTHEARTEDNESS, MY NAME IS ROD KUSCH
6 FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT'S SPELLED SLIGHTLY
7 DIFFERENT, K-U-S-C-H. I'M A COMMANDER WITH THE DEPARTMENT
8 DETECTIVE DIVISION. I OVERSEE NARCOTICS BUREAU AMONG OTHER
9 BUREAUS AS WELL. I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THREE WORDS THAT YOU'VE
10 ALREADY HEARD THIS MORNING AND ONE IS BAN THE OTHER IS
11 REGULATE AND THE LAST IS SAFETY. IT REALLY DEPENDS A LITTLE
12 BIT ON WHAT THE COUNTY'S TAKE IS IN THE END. IF THERE'S A BAN
13 THERE'S CERTAIN ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS THAT ARE UNDERTAKEN. IF
14 THERE'S REGULATION, THERE'S DIFFERENT ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS THAT
15 ARE UNDERTAKEN. BUT ALL OF THEM ARE REALLY CENTERED ON PUBLIC
16 SAFETY. YOU READ SOME STATISTICS ABOUT JUST THE INCREASES IN
17 COLLISIONS OR DEATHS AS A RESULT OF COLLISIONS. AND THAT'S A
18 TOPIC THAT'S SEPARATE FROM DISPENSARIES OR RECREATIONAL USE,
19 ET CETERA. BUT IT'S STILL AN ENFORCEMENT EFFORT. SO IT'S A
20 LITTLE TOO EARLY TO TELL WHAT EXACT IMPACT IT WILL HAVE ON
21 ENFORCEMENT AND SAFETY FOR THE COUNTY BUT IT KIND OF DEPENDS
22 WHETHER THERE'S BANS, WHETHER THERE'S REGULATIONS. WE'D ALL
23 AGREE THERE WILL BE SOME INCREASE NECESSARY IN HOW WE APPROACH
24 ENFORCING LAWS AND KEEPING PEOPLE SAFE.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW THERE'S INDIVIDUALS THINK THAT PERHAPS
2 A TAX ON MARIJUANA WILL PROVIDE REVENUES THAT WILL ADDRESS THE
3 ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS. BUT AS THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS IS
4 BASICALLY BROKEN DOWN INTO FOUR PARTS AND THAT'S THOSE WHO ARE
5 ADDICTED TO DRUGS, ALCOHOL OR MENTALLY ILL OR THOSE WHO ARE
6 ECONOMICALLY DEPRESSED. THIS PAST SUNDAY I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY
7 TAKING MY FAMILY TO THE MIDNIGHT MISSION. LARRY ADAMSON WAS
8 RETIRING AFTER 18 YEARS. HE HAS DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB THERE.
9 AND THE WONDERFUL WORK THAT THEY HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH
10 THEIR DRUG AND ALCOHOL REHABILITATION PROGRAMS IS REMARKABLE.
11 AND MY LITTLE DAUGHTER COMMENTED IN LIGHT OF THE PEOPLE WERE
12 OUT ON THE TENTS OUTSIDE, DOWN SKID ROW AND I EXPLAINED THAT
13 WE HAVE A LOT OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO ARE
14 ADDICTED TO DRUGS AND ALCOHOL, THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL. BUT
15 THE LAWS PRECLUDE REQUIRED TREATMENT TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE
16 COULD BE STABILIZED AND BACK ON THEIR FEET. SO WE NEED TO HAVE
17 CHANGES THAT WE CAN'T IMPLEMENT AT THIS LEVEL. WE CAN HELP
18 THOSE WHO ARE ECONOMICALLY DEPRESSED. WE CAN HELP THEM WITH
19 HOUSING, JOB TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES. BUT THE MENTALLY ILL, THE
20 DRUG ADDICT, THE ALCOHOLIC, WE CAN'T HELP THEM. BUT WE CAN
21 PROVIDE REQUIRED MANDATED SERVICES THAT ARE REQUIRED BY--
22 LET'S SAY LEGISLATED BY THE STATE THAT WOULD ALLOW THEM TO GET
23 BACK ON THEIR FEET TO HAVE THAT TREATMENT. SO BECAUSE OF THE
24 ISSUES DEALING WITH THE ECONOMICALLY DEPRIVED, WE OUGHT TO BE
25 LOOKING AT OUR EXISTING \$28 BILLION BUDGET TO SEE ARE THERE



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1 CATEGORIES, BE IT IN HEALTH, IN OTHER AREAS, THAT COULD BE
2 DEVOTED TO ECONOMICALLY DEPRIVED HOMELESS INDIVIDUAL TO GET
3 THEM BACK ON THEIR FEET AND HAVE A CATEGORICAL FUNDING SOURCE
4 FROM EXISTING FUNDS AS A MEANS OF HELPING THEM. AND ONCE AGAIN
5 OUR BOARD HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF HELPING, ENCOURAGING
6 THE STATE TO HAVE REFORMS FOR THE OTHER ISSUES. BUT THIS WOULD
7 MAKE BETTER SENSE IN MY OPINION TO GET TO THE ROOT OF THE
8 ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS BUT ALSO PROVIDING A SOURCE OF FUNDING.
9 DRUGS DON'T BUILD STRONG SOCIETIES. IF DRUGS WERE A GREAT
10 INSTITUTIONAL CURE-ALL FOR ALL, THEN WE SHOULD START IT AT THE
11 ELEMENTARY LEVEL. AND WE KNOW THAT'S STUPID. WE SHOULD HAVE IT
12 IN A REQUIREMENT FOR ALL OUR MEDICAL SCHOOLS TO HAVE ALL THE
13 PEOPLE HIGH ALL THE TIME. WE KNOW THAT WOULD BE STUPID. THE
14 WAY WE WANT PEOPLE TO BE RESPONSIBLE IS TO BE ABLE TO STAND ON
15 THEIR OWN TWO FEET AND BE INDEPENDENT, CLEAR HEADED, MAKING
16 REASONABLE DECISIONS. IT MAY BE DIFFERENT DECISIONS THAN
17 OTHERS MAY MAKE, BUT AT LEAST CLEAR HEADED DECISIONS. BUT YOU
18 CAN'T BE A DRUG DEPENDENT SOCIETY AND BE A SOCIETY AND A
19 LEADER AND A GOOD ROLE MODEL FOR THE YOUTH WHO ARE BEING BORN
20 INTO THIS WONDERFUL COMMUNITY. [APPLAUSE.] OUR VETERANS EACH
21 DAY WHEN WE HAVE OUR MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAMS, OUR VETERANS' DAY,
22 THEY HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIFE FOR THE FREEDOMS THAT WE HAVE
23 TODAY, RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, FREEDOM TO ASSEMBLE, FREEDOM TO
24 DISAGREE, BUT ALSO THE FREEDOM TO BE FREE. AND WITHOUT LAW,
25 THERE'S NO LIBERTY. YOU NEED LAW TO BE IN A SOCIETY WHERE WE



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1 HAVE FREEDOM. BUT FREEDOM REQUIRES RESPONSIBILITY. AND
2 RESPONSIBILITY IS NOT AVAILABLE IF EVERYBODY IS HIGH AND
3 ADDICTED TO SOME FOREIGN SUBSTANCE. I WOULD JUST PUT ON THE
4 TABLE WE COULD DIRECT THE C.E.O. AND THE HEALTH AGENCIES AND
5 THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS IF THEY COULD COME UP WITH A REPORT AS
6 TO EXISTING FUNDING THAT WE COULD SEPARATE THAT WOULD BE
7 GEARED FOR THE HOMELESS ISSUE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
8 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, DID YOU WANT TO? I
11 JUST WANT TO ADD. I KNOW WE'VE TAKEN SO MUCH TIME ALREADY.
12 WE'VE HAD A GREAT PLETHORA OF INFORMATION FROM ALL OUR
13 DEPARTMENTS, BUT I WANTED TO ASK QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CASH
14 PAYMENTS. IF WE COULD ADDRESS THAT. I AM PARTICULARLY
15 INTERESTED IN WHAT OTHER STATES ARE DOING. HOW COLORADO
16 HANDLES THAT. WHAT'S BEEN THE OUTCOME THERE. AND ALSO A
17 PROPOSAL THAT I RECENTLY HEARD ABOUT IN OHIO. DO YOU KNOW
18 ANYTHING ABOUT THAT? A LOOPHOLE THAT THEY ARE LOOKING AT IN
19 TERMS OF TRYING TO CAPTURE REVENUE IN A MORE FORMALIZED
20 MANNER.

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22 **JOSEPH KELLY:** SUPERVISOR, AGAIN, JOE KELLY, TREASURER-TAX
23 COLLECTOR, I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH OHIO. I DID PUT AN INQUIRY
24 INTO COLORADO AT THE END OF LAST WEEK, BUT I DON'T HAVE
25 ANYTHING TO REPORT BACK ON THAT YET. I'M ALSO LOOKING AT AN



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1 OPTION OF SENDING OUT ARMORED CAR SERVICES TO PICK UP THESE
2 RECEIPTS FROM BUSINESSES BECAUSE THAT WOULD ALLOW ME TO TAKE
3 THE MONEY FROM THEM INSTEAD OF THEM COMING IN TO MY OFFICE
4 HERE QUITE FRANKLY, AND DEPOSITING MONEY WITH US. SO THERE ARE
5 A NUMBER OF OPTIONS WE'VE STARTED TO LOOK AT AND WILL CONTINUE
6 TO LOOK AT TO ENSURE WE BOTH COLLECT THE MOST MONEY POSSIBLE
7 BUT ALSO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR STAFF.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO YOU'RE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE OHIO
10 EXAMPLE?

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12 **JOSEPH KELLY:** I'M NOT.

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BECAUSE MY UNDERSTANDING IS WHAT THEY
15 ARE DOING NOW THROUGH THEIR LAW IS THEY SET UP WHAT THEY CALL
16 A CLOSED LOOP. A PAYMENT PROCESSING SYSTEM SIMILAR TO A
17 PREPAID DEBIT OR GIFT CARD. AND I'M ASSUMING THAT'S PROBABLY
18 SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD BE LOOKING AT AS WE MOVE FORWARD ON
19 THE ORDINANCE OVERALL, AND HOW WE'RE GOING TO REGULATE THIS
20 AND START TO LOOK AT WHAT MIGHT FIT OUR COUNTY, OUR STRUCTURE
21 HERE.

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23 **JOSEPH KELLY:** I'LL FOLLOW UP WITH YOUR STAFF, SUPERVISOR.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IF YOU COULD WORK WITH OUR STAFF ON
2 THAT. THE OTHER QUESTIONS I HAVE ARE WITH RESPECT TO HEALTH
3 AND CYNTHIA HARDING. BECAUSE I, TOO, AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT
4 WHAT IMPACTS OUR YOUNGSTERS AND PARTICULARLY YOUNG PEOPLE,
5 WHAT THEY MAY FACE AND WHAT THEY'RE FACING NOW. AND I WOULD
6 ASK THAT ANY STUDIES WE DO LOOK AT WHAT KIND OF
7 RECOMMENDATIONS IN TERMS OF OUTREACH PREVENTION IS GOING TO BE
8 NECESSARY. WHAT I THINK SOME OF US MAY NOT TOTALLY ACCEPT YET
9 IS THAT THERE'S A GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT THIS STATE INITIATIVE
10 IS GOING TO PASS, AND I THINK IT'S BETTER TO BE PREPARED. AND
11 I WOULD HOPE THAT THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS ALL
12 OF OUR INTEGRATED HEALTH SERVICES ALL WORK TOGETHER BECAUSE IT
13 ISN'T JUST THE POINT OF CONTACT WHERE YOU'RE CONSUMING
14 SOMETHING, BUT HOW DO YOU GET THERE TO PREVENT IT, HOW DO WE
15 EDUCATE THE PUBLIC? AND I AM PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT OUR
16 PARENTS. SOME OF OUR CHALLENGED COMMUNITIES THAT MAY NOT HAVE
17 THE RIGHT INFORMATION BEING COMMUNICATED TO THEM. I HEAR THIS
18 OFTEN NOW IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF EAST LOS ANGELES, AND
19 OTHER PARTS THAT I REPRESENT WHERE THERE ARE DISPENSARIES.
20 THEY ARE OPERATING THERE. WE'VE HAD SOME ISSUES. BUT I'M MORE
21 CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT THE IMPACT WILL HAVE ON OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
22 AND WHAT PREVENTION TOOLS WE NEED. IT'S JUST LIKE TO ME, THIS
23 IS LIKE ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO. WE NEED TO BE BRINGING THAT
24 RESOURCE OF INFORMATION THAT'S ALREADY OUT THERE AND HOW WE
25 CAN UTILIZE THAT. IF IN FACT THE MONIES THAT WE DO GET FROM



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1 THE STATE, WE DO GET A PORTION TO HELP ADDRESS THESE ISSUES
2 FOR ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO, THEN WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO LOOK AT
3 MARIJUANA IF IT PASSES AS ANOTHER STREAM OF FUNDS THAT CAN BE
4 SET ASIDE IN MY OPINION TO DO THAT AND TO TEST IT AND TO
5 EVALUATE IT AND JUST COME BACK AND REFINE IT, BECAUSE I DO
6 THINK THAT IT'S SOMETHING THAT I PERSONALLY DON'T SUPPORT
7 EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE. I REALIZE THE ONLY WAY
8 THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET OUR HANDS AROUND THIS IS IF WE
9 REGULATE AND WE MAKE IT SAFE. AND THAT WE PRECLUDE THESE SHOPS
10 OR ESTABLISHMENTS, IF THEY DO COME ABOUT BECAUSE OF THE LAW
11 THAT PASSES IN NOVEMBER, THAT THEY'RE AWAY FROM OUR SCHOOLS,
12 DAYCARE AND WHAT HAVE YOU. AND I KNOW ALREADY IN ONE OF MY
13 COMMUNITIES, ONE OF THE CITIES THAT I REPRESENT, I JUST HEARD
14 FROM ONE OF OUR COUNCILMEMBERS, THAT THEY ALREADY HAVE
15 REGULATIONS IN PLACE. IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, WHICH IS
16 VERY SMALL. BUT THEY UNDERSTAND THE POTENTIAL FOR REGULATION
17 AND FOR SAFETY AND PUTTING THOSE PARTICULAR STORE FRONTS IN
18 AREAS THAT ARE NOT ADJACENT TO SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, SENIOR
19 CENTERS AND THE LIKE. SO I THINK THOSE ARE THE KINDS OF THINGS
20 THAT I BELIEVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN HELP US IN TERMS OF
21 DEALING WITH THIS INFORMATION. THE INFORMATION, I BELIEVE IS
22 ALREADY ON THE BOOKS. WE'VE LEARNED A GREAT DEAL ABOUT OTHER
23 SUBSTANCES AND WHAT IMPACTS THEY HAVE. SO I'M A BIT SURPRISED
24 THAT EVEN IN THIS REPORT THAT WAS PROVIDED, THAT WE DIDN'T
25 HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION ON WHAT PREVENTION TOOLS AND



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1 RECOMMENDATIONS YOU WOULD HAVE. BECAUSE I KNOW YOUR OPERATION
2 TO DO MORE. SO I WOULD ASK YOU TO RESPOND.

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4 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** SUPERVISOR, THOSE ARE REALLY EXCELLENT
5 OBSERVATIONS AND REMARKS. AND I WOULD AGREE THERE'S A LOT THAT
6 WE CAN LEARN FROM EXISTING PREVENTION PROGRAMS AROUND TOBACCO
7 AND ALCOHOL AND APPLY TO THIS AREA, AS WELL, AND COMMIT TO THE
8 EDUCATION AS YOU SUGGESTED IN OUR COMMUNITIES. BUT WE WILL
9 WORK AS AN AGENCY WITH ALL OF OUR AGENCY PARTNERS TOGETHER ON
10 THIS.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND I THINK THAT'S-- I MEAN, GIVEN
13 THAT WE'RE ALREADY SPENDING CLOSE TO A BILLION DOLLARS ON
14 HOMELESSNESS, AND WE'RE EXPECTING A REPORT BACK IN AUGUST ON A
15 MOTION THAT I PUT FORWARD WITH SUPERVISOR KNABE REGARDING HOW
16 THAT MONEY CAN BE BETTER USED BECAUSE WE KNOW IN FACT THAT 5
17 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION THAT WE SERVE IN THE HOMELESS
18 CATEGORY ARE THE USERS AND RE-USERS OF MUCH OF THAT FUNDING,
19 40 PERCENT OF THAT BILLION. AND TO ME WE STILL HAVE TO GO BACK
20 AND COME UP WITH A BETTER REMEDY OF HOW WE USE TACTFULLY THOSE
21 FUNDS, AND THAT WE BEGIN TO LOOK AT THE PREVENTION SIDE OF IT,
22 AND THAT WE START TO REALLY HONE IN ON THE MONITORING PART OF
23 WHAT-- WHO THESE FOLKS THAT CONTINUALLY COME UP AND WE'RE NOT
24 SOMEHOW IDENTIFYING THEM OR TRACKING THEM IN A MANNER THAT'S
25 GOING HELP US REDUCE COSTS. BECAUSE I THINK THE PUBLIC,



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1 THEY'RE WITH US ON ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS. BUT IF THEY ARE
2 LOOKING TO US TO BE RESPONSIBLE AND TO BRING DOWN THAT COST SO
3 THAT WE DON'T END UP HAVING THAT 5 PERCENT CONTINUALLY USE THE
4 TRAUMA CENTER WHICH COST US 600 OR WHATEVER IT IS A NIGHT.
5 THAT'S RIDICULOUS. THAT MONEY COULD BE BETTER SERVED HELPING
6 WITH PREVENTION, DOING MORE OUTREACH DIVERSION AND STARTING TO
7 THINK DIFFERENTLY. SO I THINK THIS IS GOING TO REQUIRE US TO
8 LOOK AT HOW WE PROVIDE OUR SERVICES NOW AND HOW WE EXPAND. IF
9 THIS MEASURE GOES THROUGH NOVEMBER, THAT'S GOING TO IMPACT US,
10 THERE'S NO DOUBT, BUT LET'S BE READY FOR IT. AND I THINK WE'RE
11 AT THAT POINT IN TIME WHERE WE HAVE TO STEP UP. I REALLY
12 BELIEVE THAT. SO I HOPE THAT ALL OF OUR AGENCIES, INCLUDING
13 OUR TAX, OUR ASSESSOR, EVERYONE, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT, BECAUSE
14 THEY PLAY A KEY ROLE HERE, IF ANYTHING, WE WANT TO HAVE SAFE
15 PLACES, HAVENS WHERE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY.
16 THEY'RE GOING TO BRING CASH IN OR WHATEVER IT'S GOING TO BE.
17 YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE THERE'S PROTOCOLS, THERE'S A SYSTEM IN
18 PLACE AND THAT WE END UP SOMEHOW FIGURING OUT HOW TO PAY FOR
19 IT. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT THE REVENUE THAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED
20 HERE THAT CAN BE GENERATED ON JUST FROM MY OWN OPINION I SEE
21 IT AS VERY LOW. IF COLORADO COULD RAISE \$140 MILLION IN ONE
22 FISCAL YEAR, THAT'S A BILLION DOLLARS A DAY THAT'S GENERATED,
23 THAT MONEY IS GOING SOMEWHERE IN ADDITION TO THE TAXES THEY'RE
24 PAYING. THAT'S ONLY 5.4 MILLION PEOPLE. WE HAVE 10 MILLION
25 PEOPLE. SO I CAN BET THAT WE WILL SEE A STREAM OF REVENUE



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1 COMING IN. WHETHER IT TAKES A YEAR FROM NOW, TO ME THAT'S NOT
2 SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE WE WILL BE ABLE TO BE REGULATED
3 APPROPRIATELY. WE WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THE FUNDING
4 NECESSARY TO PUSH OUT TO OUR DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, JUST AS
5 WE'RE SEEING HAPPENING IN COLORADO. HOMELESS CATEGORY WAS BIG.
6 LAW ENFORCEMENT WAS BIG. TREATMENT WAS BIG. I THINK WE CAN, AS
7 ADULTS, UNDERSTAND WHAT OUR PRIORITIES ARE IN HOW THIS IS
8 REGULATED, HOW IT IS UTILIZED AND WHO HAS ACCESS TO IT AND WHO
9 DOESN'T. AND THAT TO ME IS MY BOTTOM LINE. SO I'M LOOKING AT
10 HOW WE SOLVE A BIGGER PROBLEM, WHICH IS HELPING HOMELESSNESS.
11 BUT ALSO BRINGING IN REVENUE THAT THIS COUNTY DESERVES. AND WE
12 ARE THE LARGEST COUNTY, NOT IN THE COUNTRY. AND WE OUGHT TO
13 LEAD BY EXAMPLE. SO I'M SORRY IT'S MORE OF AN EDITORIAL THAN
14 IT IS A QUESTION. BUT THOSE ARE THOUGHTS TO THINK ABOUT.
15 [APPLAUSE.] AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR BRINGING
16 THIS UP, BECAUSE I KNOW HER OFFICE AND MINE WERE BOUNCING
17 BACK, OR AT LEAST I KNOW I WAS, ON HOW WE WERE GOING TO
18 APPROACH THIS WHOLE ISSUE. BECAUSE IT ISN'T ONE THAT EASILY
19 COMES TO US. MAKES US FEEL A BIT UNCOMFORTABLE. BUT I KNOW
20 IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'RE ELECTED TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT. SO
21 THIS IS ONE OF THOSE MOMENTS IN TIME WHERE WE HAVE TO STEP UP
22 TO THE PLATE. THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK THE STAFF. ARE THERE
23 ANY MORE QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD? IF NOT, THEN WE'LL PROCEED
24 WITH-- WE HAVE SEVERAL SPEAKERS. DON?

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1 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, YOU HAVE 17
2 PRESENTERS AND YOU HAVE OVER 130 SPEAKERS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP
3 TO SPEAK FOR R-1, R-2 AND 36. SO GIVEN THE NUMBER OF
4 INDIVIDUALS, WE'RE RECOMMENDING A MINUTE AND A HALF FOR THE
5 PRESENTERS AND 1 MINUTE FOR THE BALANCE OF THE 130 SPEAKERS BE
6 GIVEN ONE MINUTE. THAT'S OUR RECOMMENDATION.

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PEOPLE CAN GIVE-- DO YOU WANT TO
9 EXPLAIN THAT?

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11 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** YES, IF ANYONE WANTS TO DONATE
12 THEIR MINUTE TO SOMEONE ELSE, THEY MAY DO SO, BUT THEY HAVE TO
13 BE AT THE SPEAKER DESK WITH THE OTHER PERSON THAT THEY'RE
14 DONATING TO.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. VERY GOOD. AND I WILL CALL UP
17 THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS. THIS IS UNDER ITEM R-1, R-2 AND 36.
18 WE HAVE SARAH DESSAULT, RON MILLER. BIANCA DOBRIKOVIC. TRESS
19 CARPENTER. IF THEY'RE STILL HERE, PLEASE COME FORWARD. JEFF
20 ELLRED. VIVIAN ROMERO LAURA SANTOS. YOU CAN KIND OF LINE UP
21 AND BE PREPARED IF YOU'RE HERE. JUST REMEMBER TO STATE YOUR
22 NAME FOR THE RECORD, PLEASE. YOU HAVE A MINUTE AND A HALF. SO
23 GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

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1 **BIANCA DOBRIKOVIC:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
2 BIANCA DOBRIKOVIC, AND I'M THE DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTIONAL
3 GIVING WITH THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE
4 THE MOMENTOUS STEPS THE BOARD HAS TAKEN TO ADDRESS L.A.
5 COUNTY'S HOMELESSNESS CRISIS AND GET US TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY.
6 L.A. COUNTY IS POISED TO MAKE HISTORY. WE HAVE THE PLANS,
7 STRATEGIES AND PUBLIC WILL TO MAKE REAL CHANGE. NOW WE JUST
8 NEED THE RESOURCES. IF APPROVED BY VOTERS THIS NOVEMBER EITHER
9 A SALES TAX OR A MARIJUANA TAX WILL PROVIDE CRUCIAL FUNDING
10 FOR PERMANENT HOUSING, SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, HEALTH AND MENTAL
11 HEALTH TREATMENT, FOSTER CARE INREACH AND THE MANY OTHER
12 STRATEGIES OUTLINED IN THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE TO THE
13 THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES CURRENTLY LIVING ON THE
14 STREETS AND THE SHELTERS OF L.A. COUNTY. WE KNOW THERE IS
15 OVERWHELMING PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR A BALLOT MEASURE THAT
16 ADDRESSES HOMELESSNESS. ON BEHALF OF THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S
17 CENTER, WE URGE YOU TO PLEASE VOTE TO APPROVE A BALLOT MEASURE
18 TODAY AND TO LET VOTERS DECIDE WHETHER TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS TO
19 PREVENT AND END HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU FOR TAKING THIS NEXT
20 STEP TOWARD ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES.

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE ALSO HAVE DANNY MORENO. WES
23 REUTIMANN. SAM PEDROZA. JOHN GUEVARRA. AND NICK MORROW. TRACY
24 RYAN. GO AHEAD, SIR.

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1 **DANIEL MORENO:** MY NAME IS DANIEL MORENO.

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3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SPEAK INTO THE... YEAH.

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5 **DANIEL MORENO:** MY NAME IS DANIEL MORENO. I RUN A FACILITY IN
6 COLORADO, WHOLESALE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE MARIJUANA INDUSTRY
7 WILL BE TAXED REGARDLESS. WE JUST ASK THAT WE ARE INCLUDED AND
8 ABLE TO COLLABORATE WITH THE COUNTY AS TO THE TAXATION AND
9 REGULATION OF THE INDUSTRY. I ALSO WANT TO EXPRESS AS A
10 INDUSTRY LEADER, I AM TOO CONTRIBUTING TO THE OVERALL WELL-
11 BEING OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE
12 COUNTY.

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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16 **WESLEY REUTIMANN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS WES
17 REUTIMANN AND I'M HERE SPEAKING AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR
18 BIKE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. AS YOU ALL KNOW THERE ARE MANY
19 PRESSING ISSUES FACING LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THREE OF THE MOST
20 CRITICAL ONES ARE ITEMS THAT YOU'VE DISCUSSED IN RECENT WEEKS.
21 OBVIOUSLY THE HOMELESSNESS ISSUE IS A MASSIVE CRISIS THAT
22 WE'RE ALL TRYING TO ADDRESS AND SUPPORT. THE CRUMBLING
23 ROADWAYS AND OUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IS ANOTHER REAL ISSUE
24 THAT A LOT OF COUNTY RESIDENTS WANT TO SEE ADDRESSED. AND
25 THERE CONTINUES TO BE A SERIOUS LACK OF PARK SPACE IN HIGH



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1 NEED COMMUNITIES OF COLOR THAT EXACERBATE ISSUES SUCH AS
2 OBESITY AND OTHER HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES THAT THESE COMMUNITIES
3 ARE DEALING WITH. AS AN ORGANIZATION, BIKE S.G.V. STRONGLY
4 SUPPORTS ADDRESSING EACH OF THESE NEEDS; HOWEVER, WE WILL ONLY
5 BE SUCCESSFUL IF WE ACT IN A STRATEGIC MANNER THAT DOES NOT
6 PIT ONE ISSUE AGAINST ANOTHER. AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL NOTED LAST
7 WEEK, THIS NEED NOT BE AN EITHER/OR QUESTION. IT SHOULD NOT BE
8 FRAMED AS SUCH. BIKE S.G.V. URGES OUR SUPERVISORS TO WORK
9 TOGETHER TO GIVE L.A. COUNTY THE BEST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS
10 ALL THESE ISSUES. THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, SIR?

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14 **NICK MORENO:** HI, MY NAME IS NICK MORENO. I GUESS I QUALIFY AS
15 THE SPECIALIST IN THE UNDERGROUND ILLICIT MARKET. I'M A
16 RETIRED DEPUTY SHERIFF. I'M AN EXPERT WITNESS FOR L.A. COUNTY
17 COURTS, AND I TESTIFY ABOUT DRUG USE, TRAFFICKING ISSUES AND
18 THAT. WE TALKED ABOUT A TIPPING POINT. THERE IS A TIPPING
19 POINT. IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE
20 BETWEEN MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL USE. THE MEDICAL PEOPLE WHO
21 WOULD PURCHASE THE SAME MARIJUANA GOT A TAX BENEFIT. AND
22 BECAUSE THEY GOT THAT TAX BENEFIT, THE RECREATIONAL SIDE
23 SUFFERED. AND THEY NEARLY CRASHED THE RECREATIONAL PROGRAM AS
24 A RESULT OF THAT. SO SOMETHING FOR THE BOARD TO KEEP IN MIND
25 THAT THERE IS THAT TIPPING POINT, AND THERE IS A BIG CONCERN



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1 ON OVERTAXING. YOU CAN ALWAYS ADD TAXES. YOU CAN ALWAYS ADD
2 SERVICES LATER. BUT THERE ARE THINGS THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED
3 ALONG THOSE LINES. AND THE BIG ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM IS THE
4 BOARD HASN'T EVEN ALLOWED MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN THE COUNTY
5 AREAS YET. AND THAT'S A COLOSSAL UNDERTAKING THAT NEEDS TO BE-
6 - I AGREE THAT NEEDS TO BE GONE THROUGH STEP BY STEP BY STEP
7 WITH THE STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVED. AND THE PEOPLE THAT ARE IN THE
8 MEDICAL MARIJUANA COMMUNITY ARE THE ONES THAT KNOW HOW TO
9 REGULATE THEMSELVES BETTER THAN YOU DO, EVERY WHICH WAY. SO
10 YOU NEED TO INVOLVE THOSE PEOPLE. THEY'RE VERY GOOD AT WHAT
11 THEY DO AND THEY KNOW HOW TO MAKE THINGS WORK. AND SO PLEASE
12 CONSIDER THEM. CONSIDER PEOPLE LIKE ME THAT ARE CONSULTANTS IN
13 THE INDUSTRY THAT ARE MORE THAN WILLING TO HELP AT THE DROP OF
14 A HAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL HAS QUESTIONS?

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18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I HAVE A QUESTION. IT SEEMS TO ME WHAT YOU
19 SAID DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND
20 RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA IN TERMS OF TAXES WAS NOT A BENEFICIAL
21 THING BECAUSE IT KIND OF DROVE UP THE PRICE, YOU WERE KIND OF
22 HELPING MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUT THE PRICE WAS HIGHER FOR
23 RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA?



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1 **NICK MORENO:** YEAH. THE ISSUE WAS THAT YOU WOULDN'T PAY THE
2 SALES TAX ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA. SO WHAT POSSIBLE REASON WOULD
3 YOU WANT TO PAY A 34 OR I THINK IN THAT CASE UP TO 40 PERCENT
4 SALES TAX? STAY MEDICAL. BUY THE SAME MARIJUANA AND USE IT FOR
5 RECREATIONAL PURPOSES. SO THERE WAS A PROBLEM THERE. AND IN
6 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, SINCE WE BEGAN WITH MEDICAL
7 MARIJUANA, EVERYBODY HAS A MEDICAL MARIJUANA CARD. THEY'RE
8 VERY EASY TO GET. THE STANDARDS WERE PUT QUITE LOW BY THE
9 LEGISLATORS TO MAKE SURE YOU COULD GET IT. SO WE HAVE A
10 GIGANTIC POPULATION OF PEOPLE THAT ARE ALREADY USING MEDICAL.
11 SO WHEN RECREATIONAL COMES IN, DO PEOPLE GIVE UP THEIR CARDS
12 AND DISAVOW THEIR MEDICAL ISSUES THAT GOT THEM THEIR CARD IN
13 THE FIRST PLACE AND THEN VOLUNTARILY PAY THAT EXTRA 34 PERCENT
14 THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT? SO THAT'S A HUGE ISSUE THAT WE NEED
15 TO TALK ABOUT.

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17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THE STATE INITIATIVE DOESN'T DISTINGUISH,
18 RIGHT? THE STATE IMITATIVE IS GOING TO TAX BOTH. AND THE
19 PROPOSAL THAT WE HAVE WAS ALSO GOING TAX BOTH.

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21 **NICK MORENO:** EXACTLY.

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23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** YOU CAN'T SAY WHEN PEOPLE ARE GROWING
24 MARIJUANA, "EXCUSE ME ARE YOU GROWING IT FOR MEDICAL USES?"



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1 SURE. I JUST WANTED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU HAD SAID, THAT YOU
2 THOUGHT IT WAS DETRIMENTAL.

3

4 **NICK MORENO:** IT'S A GOOD POINT BECAUSE ILLICIT MARIJUANA GROWS
5 EXACTLY THE SAME WAY AS MEDICAL MARIJUANA. THERE'S NO
6 DIFFERENCE AT ALL. AND SO WHERE YOU CHOOSE TO MARKET THAT
7 PARTICULAR PLANT IS UP TO THE FRAMEWORK AND THE STRUCTURE
8 THAT'S ENACTED BY THE VARYING GOVERNING BODIES. AND SO WE NEED
9 TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT'S THE CONCERN THAT STAYS IN THE BACK OF
10 YOUR MIND THE WHOLE TIME.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER? YES.

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14 **PHIL ANSELL:** AM I ON? THANK YOU. JUST TO CLARIFY, SUPERVISOR,
15 AS COUNTY COUNSEL EXPLAINED, UNDER THE ADULT USE OF MARIJUANA
16 ACT, THERE IS A DISTINCTION AT THE STATE LEVEL IN TAXATION
17 BETWEEN MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL BECAUSE THERE'S A 15 PERCENT
18 EXCISE TAX WOULD APPLY EQUALLY TO MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL AT
19 THE STATE LEVEL, THE BASIC STATE SALES TAX OF 9 PERCENT WOULD
20 NOT APPLY TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND IT DOES APPLY TO
21 RECREATIONAL. SO IF, FOR EXAMPLE, THERE WERE A COUNTY
22 MARIJUANA TAX SET AT THE SAME RATE FOR RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA,
23 THERE WOULD STILL BE A 9 PERCENTAGE POINT LOWER OVERALL TAX
24 RATE FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BUT THEY DIDN'T DISTINGUISH IN THE EXCISE
2 TAX WHICH IS ALL WE'RE LOOKING AT HERE.

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4 **PHIL ANSELL:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

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8 **DANA WERKMAN:** HELLO. MY NAME IS DANA WERKMAN AND I'M HERE AS A
9 REPRESENTATIVE FOR CANNAKIDS. OUR ORGANIZATION SPECIALIZES IN
10 THE TREATMENT OF SERIOUS DISEASE USING CANNABINOID THERAPY
11 WITH A FOCUS ON PEDIATRIC CANCER. THE AMOUNT OF SUCCESS WE'VE
12 SEEN IN OUR PATIENTS IS MIND BLOWING. WE'RE SEEING SEIZURES
13 DISAPPEAR, AUTISM SIDE EFFECTS FADE AWAY, WAR VETS GET OFF 20
14 PLUS MEDICATIONS A DAY AND PAIN PATIENTS ON OPIATES WEANED
15 DOWN TO NEXT TO NO ADDICTIVE PHARMACEUTICALS. THIS IS A DRUG
16 DEPENDENT SOCIETY AND THIS IS A PLANT, A PLANT THAT IS
17 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HEALING OF MORE ILLNESSES AND HEALTH
18 ISSUES IN HUMANS THAN ANYTHING WE HAVE EVER ENCOUNTERED.
19 CANNAKIDS IS ALSO NOW INVOLVED IN A DATA SHARE COLLABORATION
20 WITH THE TEKNION INSTITUTE IN ISRAEL, WHO IS LEADING THE WORLD
21 IN SCIENTIFIC CANNABIS RESEARCH AND WHO HAVE PROVEN TIME AND
22 TIME AGAIN IN THEIR WELL PLATE TRIALS THAT CANNABIS KILLS
23 CANCER. WE'RE HERE TODAY TO PLEAD WITH YOU TO DROP THE BAN AND
24 ADD A GENERAL TAX THAT IS EARMARKED FOR HOMELESSNESS SO YOU
25 DON'T NEED A LARGE MAJORITY FOR IT TO PASS LIKE YOU WOULD A



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1 SPECIFIC TAX. HELP US HELP THE SICK. AND WE ARE MORE THAN
2 HAPPY TO HELP YOU HELP THE HOMELESS.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] OKAY. I'D LIKE
5 TO ASK TRACY RYAN. KATHLEEN VILLAREAL. JONATAN CVETKO. JOSH
6 DRAYTON AND AMY JENKINS.

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8 **SPEAKER:** I WAS IN FOR TRACEY RYAN.

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RON MILLER. YOU'D LIKE TO GO FIRST,
11 MA'AM?

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13 **AMY JENKINS:** YES.

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15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

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17 **AMY JENKINS:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR AND
18 SUPERVISORS. AMY JENKINS. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE CALIFORNIA
19 CANNABIS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION. WE'RE A 200-MEMBER ORGANIZATION
20 BASED IN SACRAMENTO AND I CAME FROM SACRAMENTO TODAY. C.C.I.A.
21 AND MYSELF, WE WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN DRAFTING THE M.M.R.S.A.
22 THAT'S BEEN DISCUSSED TODAY, AND I FEEL LIKE WE SPENT A LOT OF
23 DIALOGUE AND QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MEASURE. AND I'M MORE THAN
24 HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. A COUPLE THINGS I JUST WANT TO
25 NOTE. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE TO UNDERSTAND THAT



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1 UNDER M.M.R.S.A. IT DOES ASSUME A DUAL LICENSURE FRAMEWORK. IT
2 ALSO ASSUMES THAT AS A CONDITION OF STATE LICENSE, YOU HAVE TO
3 HAVE REGULATIONS IN PLACE. AND WITH REGULATIONS ALSO COMES A
4 STATE TAXATION OR A LOCAL TAXATION FRAMEWORK. ONE THING I
5 WOULD ALSO NOTE IS MANY STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT JURISDICTIONAL
6 BANS ON CANNABIS BUSINESSES CREATE A SIGNIFICANT GOVERNMENTAL
7 INEFFICIENCY. ASIDE FROM THE BARRIERS TO TRADITIONAL BANKING
8 THAT WE TALKED ABOUT, LOCAL BANS ARE THE SINGLE GREATEST
9 BARRIER TO VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE AND RESULTS IN A LOSS OF
10 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN ANNUAL, STATE AND LOCAL REVENUES. SO
11 BEYOND THAT, THERE ARE A LOT OF OTHER BENEFITS. AND I THINK I
12 WOULD SAY THAT THERE ARE STUDIES THAT ARE CONTRARY TO THE
13 STUDIES THAT YOU HEARD ABOUT TODAY. I WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT
14 THERE'S GOING TO BE SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT ON THE 60 PERCENT,
15 IN FACT, OF 15 PERCENT STATE EXCISE TAX WOULD GO TO YOUTH
16 PREVENTION, INTERVENTION AND EDUCATION ACTUALLY MODELED AFTER
17 OUR SUCCESSFUL TOBACCO PROGRAMS.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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21 **JOSH DRAYTON:** JOSH DRAYTON FROM C.C.I.A. I CONCEDE MY TIME TO
22 AMY JENKINS

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24 **AMY JENKINS:** OKAY. SO THERE WAS A LOT OF DISCUSSION, AS WELL,
25 ABOUT FROM A PUBLIC SAFETY STANDPOINT. WE ACTUALLY BELIEVE



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1 THAT REGULATIONS WILL IN FACT IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY AND PROVIDE
2 RESOURCES TO COMBAT ILLICIT ACTIVITY. YOU CAN'T ADDRESS
3 ILLICIT ACTIVITY WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW IT'S OUT THERE AND YOU'RE
4 NOT DEVELOPING AN APPROPRIATE REGULATORY SCHEME. ON THE ISSUE
5 OF D.U.I. IMPAIRMENTS, THERE ARE, AGAIN, A LOT OF STUDIES THAT
6 DEMONSTRATE THAT D.U.I. IMPAIRMENT DOESN'T ACTUALLY INCREASE.
7 THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS, IN A REGULATED ENVIRONMENT, THERE
8 ARE MORE RESOURCES DEDICATED TO IDENTIFYING D.U.I. IMPAIRMENT
9 AS A RESULT OF MARIJUANA USE. THERE'S A LOT OF OTHER THINGS I
10 CAN TALK ABOUT. ADOLESCENT USE HAS GONE DOWN IN OTHER
11 COMMUNITIES. I THINK THE KEY IS JUST ADDITIONAL AWARENESS
12 ABOUT THE INTENT OF M.M.R.S.A. AND THE FACT THAT THERE'S GOING
13 TO BE A LOT OF REVENUES DEDICATED TO ADDRESSING SOME OF THE
14 IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH ILLICIT USE AND IMPACTS ASSOCIATED
15 WITH BOTH MEDICAL AND AN ADULT USE FRAMEWORK. I THINK THERE
16 HAS BEEN MAYBE A LITTLE BIT LESS DATA ON THAT ISSUE. SO
17 CERTAINLY WE WANT TO BE A RESOURCE AND BETTER EDUCATE ALL OF
18 YOU. AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT
19 COMPONENT IN M.M.R.S.A. AND A.U.M.A. TO ADDRESS THE
20 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH ILLICIT GROWERS. AS I
21 UNDERSTAND CORRECTLY, THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF PRIOR QUESTIONS
22 ABOUT THAT. MOST OF THAT WOULD BE ENFORCED AT THE STATE LEVEL.

23
24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. VERY GOOD. NEXT SPEAKER.



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1 **KATHLEEN VILLAREAL:** MY NAME IS KATHLEEN. I'M FROM PATIENTS
2 COALITION OF LOS ANGELES. ALSO ANGELES EMERALDS. I'D LIKE TO
3 JUST PRESENT SOME NUMBERS THAT I CAME UP WITH IN REGARDS TO
4 THE BUDGET FOR THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE. THE POPULATION IN L.A.
5 COUNTY 98.3 MILLION BETWEEN FIVE DISTRICTS. 70 COLLECT
6 TAXPAYING COLLECTIVES PER DISTRICT IS 350 COLLECTIVES. 350
7 COLLECTIVES BEING TAXED AT 10 PERCENT EQUALS \$32 MILLION IN
8 TAX REVENUE PER YEAR. THAT'S NOT INCLUDING REVENUE THAT COMES
9 FROM ADMINISTRATIVE FEES. THAT'S NOT INCLUDING REVENUE THAT
10 COMES FROM CULTIVATION FEES OR DELIVERY FEES. SO THESE NUMBERS
11 OBVIOUSLY THEY GROW MUCH, MUCH HIGHER. SO IN UNDER 5 YEARS,
12 YOU CAN HAVE THAT ALMOST NEARLY BILLION DOLLARS REVENUE TO
13 HELP WITH HOMELESSNESS. AND I KNOW THERE'S ALSO A BIG ISSUE IN
14 REGARDS TO PUBLIC IN-HOUSE SAFETY, AND THE ANSWER TO THAT IS
15 REGULATION. WE CAN ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR PATIENTS, THE
16 SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC AND THE YOUTH WITHOUT REGULATION. SO I
17 WOULD LOVE TO SEE THIS BAN DROPPED AND REGULATIONS TO MOVE
18 FORWARD AND HELP THE HOMELESS ISSUE. IT WAS VERY HEARTBREAKING
19 TO ME. I DID SEE THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE VIDEO ON THE WEBSITE
20 AND IT WAS HEARTBREAKING. I REALLY HOPE WE CAN FIND A SOLUTION
21 TO THIS. I THINK THERE'S NO TRUER SOLUTION THAN REGULATING AND
22 TAXING MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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1 **JONATAN CVETKO:** MY NAME IS JONATAN CVETKO AS MANY OF YOU MAY
2 KNOW, WE'VE HAD SOME OF OUR PEOPLE COME TO ACTUALLY SPEAK WITH
3 YOUR STAFF. AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING SO
4 OPEN AND WANTING TO DISCUSS THIS WITH US. WE ARE A COALITION
5 OF PEOPLE MADE NOT JUST ORDINARY CITIZENS HERE, PEOPLE THAT
6 ARE ACTUALLY WITHIN THE INDUSTRY OR NOT, BUT ALSO WE ARE
7 BRINGING IN OTHER PEOPLE AS SUPPORT IF YOU WILL, THE D.P.A.
8 FROM DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE. C.C.I.A. IS USED TO BEING HERE AS
9 WELL TOO. WE ARE VERY INTERESTED IN CONSIDERING A FULL
10 DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS TOPIC GOING FORWARD WHEN IT COMES TO
11 REGULATING MARIJUANA ITSELF. WE WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER THAT
12 THERE'S GOING TO BE FURTHER REGULATIONS THAT NEED TO BE STILL
13 MADE BEYOND THIS TODAY. AND WE WANT YOU GUYS TO UNDERSTAND
14 THAT YOU'RE NOT ALONE IN WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO FIGURE IT OUT.
15 WE ARE BRINGING EXPERTS IN TO HELP OUT WITH THAT. I DO FIND IT
16 INTERESTING TODAY AND I FIND IT VERY INNOVATIVE THAT THE BOARD
17 HAS COME TOGETHER TODAY TO CONSIDER THAT ONE OF THE WAYS TO
18 THE PATH OF THAT IS TO LOOK INTO THE TAX ISSUE. THAT BEING
19 SAID, MR. ANTONOVICH HIMSELF ALSO RECOMMENDED THIS TAX ONLY TO
20 SAY TODAY THAT IT WAS NO LONGER NEEDED ON THAT. I DO THINK
21 THAT YOU GUYS ARE STRUGGLING WITH THIS TO A DEGREE TO WHERE
22 YOU NEED SOME SUPPORTS AND WE ARE MORE THAN WILLING TO BE HERE
23 FOR YOU AND OFFER THAT SUPPORT, SO PLEASE DO REACH OUT FOR US.
24 IT IS NOT JUST US AS CITIZENS. WE ARE BRINGING OTHER



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1 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE MORE THAN KNOWLEDGEABLE EVEN BEYOND US,
2 AND KNOW HOW TO HELP. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LYNNE LYMAN. GO AHEAD,
5 MA'AM.

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7 **LYNNE LYMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
8 BOARD. MY NAME IS LYNNE LYMAN. I'M THE STATE DIRECTOR FOR THE
9 DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE. WE ARE CO-CHAIRING THE ADULT USE OF
10 MARIJUANA ACT PROP 64 THAT WILL APPEAR ON THIS YEAR'S BALLOT.
11 I BELIEVE THAT OUR HOMELESSNESS CRISIS IS A TOP PRIORITY. I
12 ALSO BELIEVE THAT CANDIDATES CAN AND SHOULD BE TAXED, BOTH
13 STATEWIDE AND LOCALLY. HOWEVER, I HAVE GRAVE CONCERNS WITH TAX
14 THE HELL OUT OF IT STATEMENTS I'VE BEEN HEARING FROM MANY
15 ALLIES OUTSIDE THE CANNABIS COMMUNITY. THREE PRIMARY CONCERNS.
16 MARIJUANA REVENUE SHOULD NOT BE THE SOLE SOURCE FOR SOLVING
17 THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. WE NEED TO BE MORE CREATIVE THAN
18 THAT. NUMBER 2, WE MUST TAX VERY THOUGHTFULLY. AS YOU'VE HEARD
19 FROM SOME OF YOUR OTHER PRESENTERS, OVERTAXING WILL KEEP THE
20 UNDERGROUND MARKET THRIVING AND ARRESTS AND INCARCERATION AND
21 CRIME ARE A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS, AS WELL AND OVERTAXING WILL
22 LEAD TO AN INCREASE OF THOSE IN THE MOST VULNERABLE
23 COMMUNITIES. THIRD, NO TAXATION WITHOUT REGULATION. AS YOU
24 HEARD FROM THE CANNABIS COMMUNITY TODAY, EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS
25 THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE TAXATION. WE NEED TO HAVE SMART,



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1 COMPREHENSIVE, JUST, EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE REGULATION.
2 FINALLY I'D LIKE TO REMIND THE BOARD THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY
3 STILL GETS ROUGHLY \$380 MILLION EVERY YEAR FROM THE PUBLIC
4 SAFETY RE-ALIGNMENT ACT, EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE VERY FEW PEOPLE
5 LEFT. AND THAT MONEY COULD BE USED FOR HOMELESSNESS, AS WELL.
6 THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE SHANNON MURRAY. ANDREW
9 DOUGLAS. JEFFREY SUTTON. AND JAIME GARCIA. GO AHEAD, SIR.

10

11 **ANDREW DOUGLAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS ANDREW
12 DOUGLAS. I AM A NONPROFIT ADVOCATE AND COMMUNITY ADVOCATE, AS
13 WELL. I ALSO HAVE THE PLEASURE OF SERVING AS AN AREA-WIDE
14 DIRECTOR FOR DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL WHICH INCLUDES SKID
15 ROW AND ALSO THE EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE.
16 IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE TODAY BECAUSE IT'S GREAT TO SEE THE
17 BOARD TAKE ON SUCH A SERIOUS ISSUE. I DO-- IT IS MY FINDING
18 THAT THE BEST RECOMMENDATION IS THE SALES TAX. IT POLLS HIGH.
19 I UNDERSTAND THERE MIGHT BE APPREHENSION BECAUSE OF POTENTIAL
20 STICKER SHOCK WHEN VOTERS GET IN THERE AND THEY SEE PARK AND
21 THEY SEE TRANSIT AND THEY SEE THIS ON THERE. BUT TRANSIT
22 BARELY DIDN'T PASS BEFORE ON THE MEASURE R-2.0 BASED ON WELL,
23 LARGELY THE BUS RIDERS UNION BUT ALSO CULVER CITY FOLKS WHO
24 HAD THEIR EXPO LINE ALREADY THERE. SO MY POINT IS EACH ONE OF
25 THESE WILL PASS ON THEIR OWN MERITS. I THINK AS YOU SAID



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1 MADAME CHAIR, SOMETIMES IT'S TIME TO STEP UP. I THINK THE
2 VOTERS OF L.A. NEED TO STEP UP IF THEY WANT MORE PARKS AND
3 WANT TO SOLVE THESE ISSUES WITH COMPASSION AND TAXES. THANK
4 YOU VERY MUCH.

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MA'AM?

7

8 **SHANNON MURRAY:** MY NAME IS SHANNON MURRAY AND I'M THE DIRECTOR
9 OF HOMELESS AND HOUSING SERVICES AT WATTS LABOR COMMUNITY
10 ACTION COMMITTEE. I'M ALSO THE CO-CHAIR, THE VICE CHAIR OF THE
11 S.P.A. 6 HOMELESS COALITION. FIRSTLY I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
12 ALL OF YOUR WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE THUS FAR TO BRING THE
13 ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS TO THE FOREFRONT OF THE PUBLIC AGENDA.
14 AS YOU WELL KNOW, PROVIDING A HOME ENDS HOMELESSNESS, IS THE
15 MOST HEALTHY STABILIZING HUMANE AND COST-EFFECTIVE THING WE
16 CAN DO FOR ANY HOMELESS PERSON OR FAMILY. WE ARE IN NEED OF
17 THOUSANDS OF MORE AFFORDABLE UNITS AND SERVICES TO GO WITH
18 THEM. TO DO THIS, WE NEED YOU TO PUT ONE OF THE PROPOSED TAX
19 MEASURES ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. WE SPECIFICALLY SUPPORT THE
20 INCREASED SALES TAX. IT IS THE QUICKEST WAY TO GET THE MOST
21 AMOUNT OF MONEY INTO OUR COMMUNITIES TO ADDRESS THE HOMELESS
22 CRISIS IN LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

25



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1 **JAIME GARCIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
2 JAIME GARCIA, WITH THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN
3 CALIFORNIA. ON BEHALF OF THE 85 HOSPITALS IN LOS ANGELES
4 COUNTY, WE WISH TO COMMEND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ITS
5 INITIAL INVESTMENT OF \$100 MILLION TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS.
6 H.A.S.C. APPRECIATES YOUR COMMITMENT AND CONTINUED WORK IN
7 SEARCH OF A LONG TERM REVENUE STREAM TO ADDRESS THE MANY
8 ISSUES THAT ARISE FROM HOMELESSNESS. I'M HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT
9 THE PARCEL TAX WHICH OPERATIONALIZES THE 47 STRATEGIES THE
10 BOARD APPROVED EARLIER THIS YEAR VIA A DEDICATED FUND.
11 HOWEVER, IF THIS BOARD VOTES TO SUPPORT THE SALES TAX, I ASK
12 THAT THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE BE INSTITUTED TO PROTECT THESE
13 FUNDS FROM WHICH ARE BEING DEPOSITED INTO THE GENERAL FUND
14 FROM BEING USED FOR OTHER NONRELATED HOMELESS PROJECTS,
15 PROGRAMS THAT WILL BE TAKEN-- THAT WILL BE INITIATED OVER THE
16 COURSE OF THE NEXT COUPLE YEARS, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT WE
17 TRULY ARE ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS AND WE DON'T
18 USE THESE FUNDS FOR OTHER PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE LOUIS JAMES.
21 YOLANDA TENORIO. YADIRA CERRATO. AND BASIL KIMBREW

22

23 **YADIRA CERRATO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS.
24 MY NAME YADIRA CERRATO AND I WORK WITH THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC
25 LAND AND WE ARE PART OF THE OUR PARKS COALITION. WE COMMEND



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1 THE CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF PARKS AND OPEN
2 SPACE LAST WEEK. AND WE BELIEVE TRANSPORTATION, PARKS AND
3 HOMELESSNESS ARE COMPLEMENTARY AND ESSENTIAL FOR QUALITY OF
4 LIFE OF ALL ANGELINOS. WE ARE SUPPORTIVE OF ALL THREE MEASURES
5 AND WANT ALL THREE TO SUCCEED. THANK YOU.

6

7 **BASIL KIMBREW:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR. I'M CHEF BASIL.
8 I'M A UNITED STATES ARMY VETERAN. I'M A GRADUATE FROM THE
9 CORDON BLEU AND JUST RECENTLY I'VE BEEN VOTED THE NUMBER 1
10 VOLUNTEER CHEF NOT IN THE NATION BUT IN THE WORLD. THAT'S
11 BECAUSE LAST YEAR I FED 109,653 HOMELESS VETERANS, HOMELESS IN
12 THIS AREA AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE 1/4 CENT GENERAL TAX
13 REVENUE MEASURE WITH THE ADVISORY QUESTION ASKING VOTERS IF
14 GENERATED REVENUE SHOULD BE USED TO ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH.
15 THAT'S THE KEY WORD FOR US, MENTAL HEALTH. EVERY DAY I FEED
16 HOMELESS VETERANS AND VETERANS. AND I FEED THE HOMELESS
17 VETERANS WOMEN IN THIS AREA. AND IT'S SHOCKING TO ME TO SEE
18 THIS, AND I'M VERY SUPPORTIVE. I WANT TO THANK OUR SUPERVISOR
19 THERE FOR BRINGING THIS TO THE ISSUE BUT AS I STATED EARLY,
20 I'M THE GENTLEMAN AND MY STAFF ARE THE ONES THAT FEED ALL
21 THESE HOMELESS PEOPLE. AND ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO HELP THEM
22 AND HELP US WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] WE HAVE GARY
25 TOEBBEN. LOUIS JAMES. YOLANDA TONORIO, I'M CALLING AGAIN.



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1 BOOKER PEARSON. CINDY WISE TRACEY JENKINS. MR. TOEBBEN. GOOD
2 AFTERNOON.

3

4 **GARY TOEBBEN:** CHAIRWOMAN SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS, I'M GARY TOEBBEN, PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES
6 AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. YESTERDAY AFTERNOON THE EXECUTIVE
7 COMMITTEE OF THE CHAMBER MET IN SPECIAL SESSION AND VOTED TO
8 SUPPORT A 1/4-CENT SALES TAX FOR HOMELESSNESS SERVICES. WE
9 WILL TAKE THAT RECOMMENDATION TO OUR FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
10 ON THURSDAY. THE CHAMBER AND THE UNITED WAY HAVE BEEN WORKING
11 TOGETHER FOR 7 YEARS ON HOME FOR GOOD TO END HOMELESSNESS IN
12 L.A. COUNTY. WE'RE WELL AWARE OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM
13 AND KNOW THAT WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ADDRESS IT WITH A
14 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, COMMUNITY WILL AND FINANCIAL SERVICE
15 RESOURCES. WE ALSO KNOW THAT A FINANCIAL COMMITMENT OF THIS
16 MAGNITUDE BY LOCAL TAXPAYERS WOULD BE UNPRECEDENTED. WE HAVE
17 MANY VOICES IN OUR MEMBERSHIP WHO QUESTION THE ABILITY OF THE
18 COUNTY TO USE THIS MONEY EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY TO SOLVE
19 THE PROBLEM, BUT THE MAJORITY CHOSE TO PROVIDE YOU, THE BOARD
20 OF SUPERVISORS, WITH BOTH THE MANDATE AND THE FINANCIAL
21 RESOURCES TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM. WE EXPECT BOTH THE HIGHEST
22 LEVEL OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SUCCESS.
23 WE'RE READY TO BE YOUR PARTNERS AND YOUR CRITICS IF PROGRESS
24 IS MOVING TOO SLOWLY. ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. COUNTY IS A
25 HIGH PRIORITY FOR ALL OF US. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

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4 **TRACEY JENKINS:** HI, MY NAME IS TRACEY JENKINS. I WASN'T
5 EXPECTING TO SPEAK TODAY, BUT I THINK I WENT TO THE SPARKS
6 GAME THE OTHER DAY AND I WITNESSED HISTORY AND I WAS SO
7 EXCITED THAT I WANTED TO COME IN AN OPEN FORUM AND THANK SUSAN
8 BURTON. SHE HAS A PROGRAM, A NEW WAY OF LIFE. SHE IS A
9 BEAUTIFUL WOMAN. I WAS INCARCERATED RECENTLY, BASICALLY BEEN
10 IN HER PROGRAM FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS. HAPPENED REALLY
11 SUDDENLY. SO I'M ALSO HERE TO SUPPORT THE LEGISLATION BUT TO
12 ALSO SUPPORT MORE PROGRAMS LIKE HERS AND TO THANK THE
13 BEAUTIFUL SUPERVISORS HERE IN THE CITY OF L.A. FOR SUPPORTING
14 ME DURING MY HOMELESSNESS OF THREE YEARS. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WOW. YES, MA'AM.

17

18 **CINDY WISE:** MY NAME IS CINDY WISE AND I'M THE AREA DIRECTOR OF
19 OPERATIONS WITH MERCY HOUSING. I HAVE THE HONOR OF HAVING THE
20 EL MONTE VETERANS VILLAGE IN MY PORTFOLIO. AND A COUPLE YEARS
21 AGO WHEN WE OPENED UP THIS PROPERTY, I NEVER FELT SO GREAT
22 ABOUT WHAT I DO OR HAD SUCH A HUMBLE FEELING THAN I DID WHEN
23 WE WERE DOING OUR LEASE UP. FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT ARE NOT
24 FAMILIAR WITH OUR VETERANS, IT IS SO SHAMEFUL THAT OUR
25 VETERANS AND OUR MILITARY GO OFF AND THEY LEAVE THE COUNTRY,



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1 THEY FIGHT FOR US AND THEY PROTECT OUR NATION; BUT WHEN THEY
2 COME HOME, THEY MAY NOT HAVE A HOME AVAILABLE TO THEM. AND I
3 THINK THAT IS SOMETHING THAT IS VERY SERIOUS TO ALL OF US THAT
4 WE NEED TO WORK ON. I VERY SUPPORT THESE MEASURES. I CANNOT
5 SAY ENOUGH HOW MUCH THE VETERANS PROPERTY HAS COME TO MEAN TO
6 ME AND THE VETERANS IN THE PROPERTY THAT WE HAVE. WE HAVE
7 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN WHICH WE HOUSE HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS. IT
8 IS SUCH AN ISSUE IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE HAVE INDIVIDUALS
9 THAT DON'T HAVE A HOME TO GO TO, BOTH OUR CHILDREN AS WELL AS
10 OUR ADULTS, THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BOOKER PEARSON. DARRELL
13 KRUSE, DENITA HUERTA. MICHELLE HOPE WALKER. RITA KAMPALATH.
14 DESTINY THOMAS. GO AHEAD, SIR.

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16 **DARRELL KRUSE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME
17 IS DARRELL KRUSE I WAS WONDERING HOW YOU WOULD DETERMINE
18 PRIORITY IF YOU DO ALLOW DISPENSARIES. ARE YOU GOING TO ALLOW
19 THOSE THAT OPERATE THOSE ILLEGAL DISPENSARIES NOW TO CONTINUE
20 TO OPERATE? OR ARE YOU GOING TO GO THROUGH THE WHOLE C.U.P.
21 PROCESS THAT WILL TAKE TWO YEARS BEFORE SOMEONE CAN ACTUALLY
22 DO IT? ARE YOU EVER GOING TO CLOSE DOWN ANY OF THE
23 DISPENSARIES? I'VE NOTICED IN THE LAST COUPLE WEEKS THEY NOW
24 HAVE AT THE VAPER BARS, THAT'S WHERE YOU GO IN, DRIVE IN, WALK
25 IN THERE AND YOU SEE THE NAKED LADIES AND YOU GET A HIT ON A



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1 VLAX OUT OF THEIR BONG AND YOU GET BACK ONTO THE ROAD. I JUST
2 THINK IT'S A LITTLE ODD THAT YOU'RE ALLOWING TOPLESS BUD
3 TENDERS. THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, MA'AM.

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7 **RITA KAMPALATH:** SUPERVISORS, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RITA
8 KAMPALATH AND I'M THE SCIENCE AND POLICY DIRECTOR AT HEAL THE
9 BAY, ALSO A MEMBER OF THE OUR PARKS COALITION, AND HAPPY TO BE
10 HERE IN SUPPORT OF HOMELESSNESS FUNDING FOR THE COUNTY. WE
11 FREQUENTLY TALK ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY FOR OUR REGION, BUT
12 NOTHING COULD BE MORE CONTRARY TO THE CONCEPT OF
13 SUSTAINABILITY THAN THE SITUATION WHERE EVERY YEAR, MORE OF
14 OUR CITIZENS ARE UNABLE TO MEET EVEN THEIR MOST BASIC NEEDS.
15 WE'RE PROUD THAT YOU'RE BRINGING THE ISSUE FORWARD AS WE SEE
16 IT AS COMPLEMENTARY TO THE PARKS MEASURE AND BOTH KEY PARTS TO
17 IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN LOS ANGELES. WE URGE YOU TO
18 MAKE SURE THAT THIS MEASURE MAKES IT TO THE BALLOT THIS FALL
19 TO GIVE VOTERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DECIDE ON IT. AND WE LOOK
20 FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH YOU TO ENSURE THAT BOTH OF
21 THESE MEASURES PASS.

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23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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1 **MICHELLE HOPE WALKER:** HI. 2016 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE,
2 MICHELLE HOPE WALKER RUNNING AS INDEPENDENT, UNITED STATES OF
3 AMERICA. I LIKE TO WEAR MY FLAG TO REMIND EVERYBODY THAT WE'RE
4 ALL AMERICANS AND ALL A PART OF AMERICA. AND HOMELESSNESS AND
5 HAVING A HOME IS A RIGHT IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. WE
6 PAY TAXES, EVERYBODY DOES, IN SOME FORM OR WAY. THEY SHOULD AT
7 LEAST GET A HOME. SO I WANT TO START OUT WITH THAT, EVERYONE
8 DESERVES A HOME. ALSO MY UNDERSTANDING AS I'M HEARING THE
9 MARIJUANA ISSUE, THAT I KNOW A LOT OF PHARMACEUTICALS AND
10 PRESCRIPTION AND PILL BUSINESS TEND TO OWN A LOT OF OUR
11 POLITICIANS. SO I'M STARTING TO SEE THAT HAS SOMETHING TO DO
12 WITH WHY THEY DON'T WANT THE MARIJUANA PASSED BECAUSE IT WILL
13 TAKE AWAY FROM THEIR BIG MONEY. ALSO, SO THE KEY THING IS
14 HOMES FOR EVERYONE. I DON'T SMOKE MARIJUANA. I'M NOT SAYING
15 EVERYBODY SHOULD GO USE MARIJUANA. I DON'T THINK YOU NEED TO
16 OVERTAX THIS. I THINK IT NEEDS TO BE AVAILABLE TO THOSE THAT
17 WANT TO USE IT, BUT IT DOES CUT DOWN CRIMINALIZATION.
18 CRIMINALIZATION, IT'S THE BLACK AND THE BROWN THAT HAVE BEEN
19 CRIMINALIZED THE MOST. SO IT DOES NEED TO BE LEGAL TO STOP
20 EVERYONE FROM GOING TO JAIL.

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. [APPLAUSE.] YES,
23 MA'AM.

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1 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR WHAT YOU'RE
2 BRINGING TO THE FOREFRONT I WANT TO HONESTLY AND HUMBL Y THANK
3 EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR BRINGING THIS TOPIC UP TODAY. WE
4 HAVE A CRISIS, AS YOU ALL ARE AWARE. WE'VE BEEN HAVING A
5 CRISIS. AND I'M HEARING SUPPORT AS I'VE ALWAYS BEEN IN
6 SUPPORT. BUT WE NEED TO ADDRESS THIS BEFORE 2018. SO ANYTHING
7 WE CAN DO NOW TO TAX, TO COLLECT, TO DO, TO GET, LET'S GET IT,
8 GET IT, GET IT, BECAUSE THIS IS A CRISIS. WHATEVER WE CAN DO
9 TO DO SOMETHING NOW. IN SUPPORT OF YOUR MEASURES BUT YOU MUST
10 LIFT THE BANS. HOW DO WE WORK TOGETHER WITHOUT INTERVENTION?
11 HOW DO WE DO THIS? PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, PREPAREDNESS.
12 TODAY, THOUGH, WOULD BE MY SUGGESTION BECAUSE WE WON'T BE
13 PREPARED FOR THIS WHEN IT DOES GET INTO THE FOREFRONT OF MAYBE
14 THE MARK, THE STAMP. WHAT ABOUT NOW? WHAT ABOUT THE 50,000 ON
15 THE STREET NOW. WHAT ABOUT EACH WOMAN WHETHER SHE HAS THE
16 RIGHT--

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. WE DIDN'T GET YOUR
19 NAME, BY THE WAY. WHAT WAS YOUR NAME? OKAY. THANK YOU. NEXT
20 SPEAKER.

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22 **JASMINE CARTER:** HI, MY NAME IS JASMINE CARTER ON BEHALF OF
23 DESTINY THOMAS AND THE GENESEE CENTER. TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
24 LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF
25 DIRECTORS. KAREN EARL, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, STAFF AND



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1 MORE IMPORTANTLY THE THOUSANDS OF VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
2 WE HAVE HELPED OVER THE YEARS, GENESEE CENTER APPLAUDS YOUR
3 DECISION TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY ON HOMELESSNESS AND
4 YOUR COMMITMENT TO SPENDING OVER \$100 MILLION ANNUALLY IN
5 ORDER TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS. GENESEE ROUTINELY SERVES VICTIMS
6 OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WITH EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES THAT OTHER
7 PROVIDERS CANNOT ADEQUATELY ASSIST. GENESEE IS ALSO ONE OF THE
8 FEW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTERS TO WELCOME LARGE FAMILIES AND
9 FAMILIES WITH MALES, OLDER MALES. GENESEE'S OWN DATA AND
10 EXPERIENCE HAS-- WITH ISSUES HAS FOUND THE LACK OF AFFORDABLE
11 HOUSING IS INSUFFICIENT. WE THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. CHIN HO LIAO. PATRICIA
14 MITCHELL. TIFFANY JOHNSON. ANTHONY BISHOP. STILL WANT TO CALL
15 UP VIVIAN ROMERO. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

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17 **PATRICIA MITCHELL:** I'M PATRICIA MITCHELL. I WANT TO SAY THAT
18 ALTHOUGH I WILL VOTE FOR THE MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION, THAT WE
19 NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT HOMELESS NOW. I'M AN ARTIST, I'VE
20 LIVED IN THE ARTS DISTRICT FOR 20 YEARS. WHEN PEOPLE WOULD NOT
21 COME DOWNTOWN FOR 20 YEARS THEY WERE AFRAID. I WAS NOT AFRAID.
22 A YEAR AGO I WAS STABBED IN THE BACK WITH A SCREWDRIVER BY A
23 MENTALLY ILL, HOMELESS MAN. I AM THE LUCKY ONE, OKAY, BECAUSE
24 I SURVIVED IT OTHER THAN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN MEDICAL BILLS
25 AND A VERY SORE BACK FOR A WHILE. BUT THIS PROBLEM, THE SALES



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1 TAX, WILL HELP IT IMMEDIATELY. IT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN CARE OF.
2 THE ARTS DISTRICT, THE MONEY THAT IS THERE NOW HAS PUSHED A
3 HOMELESS POPULATION INTO A SMALLER AREA. IT IS NOT HELP. IT IS
4 MAKING IT WORSE. IF YOU WANT PEOPLE WITH MONEY TO CONTINUE TO
5 COME TO OUR DISTRICT TO MAKE THE DEVELOPERS HAPPY, YOU BETTER
6 DO SOMETHING NOW. OKAY. SO I AM TOTALLY FOR THE MONEY FOR THE
7 SALES TAX.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. YES, SIR. GO
10 AHEAD, I'M SORRY.

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12 **ANTHONY BISHOP:** MY NAME IS ANTHONY BISHOP. I'M AN INTERN AT
13 A.R.C., THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M HERE TO SAY I
14 SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL FOR THE QUARTER CENT SALES TAX BECAUSE IT
15 SEEMS TO BE THE QUICKEST WAY FOR THE MOST FUNDS TO SUPPORT
16 EFFORTS IN THE COMMUNITY TO END HOMELESSNESS. THREE MONTHS AGO
17 I CAME HOME FROM PRISON AFTER SERVING 9-1/2 YEARS FROM THE AGE
18 OF 17 TO 26 TO A VERY SUPPORTIVE FAMILY AND ORGANIZATIONS LIKE
19 A.R.C. IF IT WASN'T FOR THEM, I WOULD BE IN THE SAME SHOES AS
20 MOST OF MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE STRUGGLING TO FIND
21 HOMES, STABLE HOMES, SO THEY CAN GET TO AN INTERVIEW FOR JOBS
22 AND SCHOOL OR ANYTHING TO BE PRODUCTIVE IN SOCIETY. IF THIS
23 PROPOSAL CAN GET PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS AND INTO STABLE
24 HOUSING, THEN I FULLY SUPPORT IT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, MA'AM.

2

3 **TIFFANY JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TIFFANY JOHNSON.

4 I'M ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FROM A NEW WAY OF LIFE RE-ENTRY

5 PROJECT. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT ALL THREE MEASURES. THE MAIN ONE

6 OF COURSE IS HOMELESSNESS. SO THE INCREASED QUARTER CENT ON

7 THAT ISN'T VERY IMPORTANT, BUT I REALLY WANT TO FOCUS ON THE

8 LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA BECAUSE OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN

9 PLAGUED BY CRIMINALIZATION OF THE USES OF MARIJUANA. AND WE

10 HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE NOW STILL HAVING MANY YEARS AND

11 DECADES OF EFFECT OF HAVING A FELONY RECORD BECAUSE OF THE

12 FACT AND IF THIS MEASURE GETS PUT ON THE BALLOT AND GET

13 APPROVED, IT WOULD BECOME RETROACTIVE. THAT WOULD HELP MORE

14 PEOPLE GET JOBS, GET HOUSING AND WE CAN FIX BOTH PROBLEMS, THE

15 HOMELESSNESS AND THE CRIMINALIZATION OF MARIJUANA.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. YES, VIVIAN.

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19 **VIVIAN ROMERO:** MY NAME IS VIVIAN ROMERO. I WANT TO SAY GOOD

20 AFTERNOON, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR BRINGING THESE

21 ISSUES UP. AS MAYOR PRO TEM OF THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO,

22 ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO ME AND TO

23 MY CITY AND MY CONSTITUENTS. GIVEN ALL THE WORK THAT'S GONE

24 INTO TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS AND BALLOTS MEASURES, I WANT TO

25 ENSURE THAT THE MEASURES DO NOT COMPETE DIRECTLY WITH ONE



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1 ANOTHER. AND I AM ENCOURAGING THE COUNTY TO ENGAGE THE LOCAL
2 CITIES LIKE MINE AND REGIONAL BODIES TO PARTICIPATE IN FORMING
3 A FUNDING MECHANISM TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS, ESPECIALLY THE
4 OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED BY THE STATEWIDE MARIJUANA PROPOSITION.
5 THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE SUSAN BURTON?
8 CHERYL BONACI. JAMES JACOBS? INGRID ARCHIE. PILAR HOYOS.

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10 **SUSAN BURTON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

13

14 **SUSAN BURTON:** MY NAME IS SUSAN BURTON. I AM THE EXECUTIVE
15 DIRECTOR OF THE NEW WAY OF LIFE RE-ENTRY PROJECT, AND WE WORK
16 DAILY WITH WOMEN WHO WOULD BE HOMELESS HAD IT NOT BE FOR OUR
17 SERVICES. SO I AM IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE QUARTER CENT SALES
18 TAX. BUT WITH THAT SAID, I WANT TO SAY THAT OUR COMMUNITY HAS
19 SUFFERED DECADES AND GENERATIONS OF PUNISHMENT, INCARCERATION,
20 HARASSMENT, ALL THE ABOVE BEHIND MARIJUANA CRIMINALIZATION. BE
21 IT THAT THIS MEASURE PASSES, WE'RE TALKING AND THINKING ABOUT
22 WHAT DO WE DO THAT THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT WILL BE RAISED
23 DO NOT BE RAISED FROM PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF OUR COMMUNITIES. SO
24 IT'S A THOUGHT, WE'RE THINKING, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THAT, BUT



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1 WE'VE SUFFERED A LOT. HOW DO WE GAIN RESOURCES FROM THESE,
2 FROM THE PASSAGE OF MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION?

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

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6 **INGRID ARCHIE:** HI, MY NAME IS INGRID ARCHIE AND I AM THE PROP
7 47 SPECIALIST AT A NEW WAY OF LIFE RE-ENTRY PROJECT AND ALSO A
8 RESIDENT. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT ONE OF THE SUPERVISORS SPOKE
9 ABOUT WE DON'T WANT A SOCIETY THAT IS CHEMICALLY DEPENDENT. WE
10 ALSO DON'T WANT A SOCIETY THAT USES MASS INCARCERATION AS A
11 DETERRENT FOR PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE
12 ABUSE AND ALSO OTHER DIFFERENT ABUSES FROM SOCIETY. I FEEL
13 LIKE THAT WE HAVE COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND WE HAVE COMMUNITY
14 PEOPLE WHO PROVIDE THE SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM
15 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES WHEN THEY COME OUT OF PRISON AND THAT'S
16 WHERE THE FUNDING SHOULD GO IF THIS IS PUT ON THE BALLOT
17 MEASURE. ALSO, I FEEL LIKE THAT THERE'S PEOPLE SLEEPING ON THE
18 STREETS. WE WEREN'T MADE TO SLEEP ON THE STREETS. WE WERE MADE
19 TO BE PROVIDED ADEQUATE HOUSING, AND IF WE GIVE MONEY TO
20 PEOPLE WHO ARE CORE SERVICES PROVIDERS, THEY SHOULD NOT LOOK
21 AT US AS AN INTAKE PACKET, BUT LOOK AT US AS PEOPLE WHO NEED
22 HOUSING. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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1 **JAMES JACOBS:** GOOD AFTERNOON LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS
2 JAMES JACOBS, UNITED STATES MARINES. FIRST OF ALL, I'M HERE TO
3 REPRESENT THE TENANTS AT THE VETERANS VILLAGE OF EL MONTE. I'D
4 LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR COMING OUT, MADAME SOLIS.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** HOW IS THAT VEGETABLE GARDEN GOING?

7

8 **JAMES JACOBS:** GOING GREAT. NEVERTHELESS, I COULDN'T AGREE MORE
9 WITH ALL THREE MEASURES BECAUSE YOUR REVENUE WILL GENERATE
10 INCOME. THE INCOME IT'S GOING TO GENERATE WILL BE A
11 CULMINATION FOR HELPING THE HOMELESS SEEK AND FIND SUITABLE
12 HOUSING. THERE'S NO NEED FOR HOMELESSNESS IN THIS COUNTRY.
13 THERE'S TOO MUCH WELFARE. HELP THE HOMELESS. TAKE SOME OF
14 THESE OLD BUILDINGS. I UNDERSTAND THEY'RE BUILDING A LOT OF
15 LOFTS DOWNTOWN. BUT ALSO TAKE SOME OF THEM AND HELP RAISE
16 STRUCTURES FOR THE HOMELESS. THAT WOULD BE A BIG BOOST. THANK
17 YOU VERY MUCH, EVERYONE.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE MARNI BAIM. SANDRA
20 MCNEILL STEVE RENAHAN. ELSA TUNG. STEPHANIE KLASKY GARNER.

21

22 **SANDRA MCNEILL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. SANDRA MCNEILL, EXECUTIVE
23 DIRECTOR OF TRUST SOUTH L.A. THANK YOU FOR TAKING ON WHAT IS
24 ARGUABLY THE MOST IMPRESSIVE HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIL RIGHTS
25 ISSUE IN FACING L.A. COUNTY. TRUST SOUTH L.A. WAS FORMED AS A



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1 COMMUNITY LED RESPONSE TO RISING HOUSING COSTS AND THE
2 DISPLACEMENT OF WORKING CLASS BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES. WE
3 VEHEMENTLY ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO ACT STRATEGICALLY,
4 CREATIVELY AND BOLDLY TO ADDRESS THE REALITY OF SO MANY LIVING
5 ON THE STREETS. AND WE BELIEVE THE BOARD SHOULD ACT NOW TO
6 CAPTURE THE ATTENTION AND BROAD CONCERN THAT HOMELESSNESS HAS
7 BEEN ATTRACTING FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA. WE GENERALLY DO
8 NOT SUPPORT REGRESSIVE TAX STRATEGIES AND WOULD HAVE PREFERRED
9 TO THROW OUR SUPPORT BEHIND THE MILLIONAIRES TAX OR PARCEL
10 TAX. HOWEVER, GIVEN THAT NEITHER IS VIABLE AT THIS TIME, WE DO
11 SUPPORT A QUARTER CENT SALES TAX. THE FUNDS GENERATED WILL BE
12 SUBSTANTIAL AND WITH HOUSING, FOOD, HEALTHCARE AND
13 TRANSPORTATION NOT TAXED, A SALES TAX WILL HAVE LITTLE IMPACT
14 ON OUR LOW-INCOME MEMBERS WHO SPEND THE BULK OF THEIR MONEY ON
15 THOSE EXPENSES. ALSO, WHILE WE APPLAUD THE BOARD CONSIDERING
16 HOW TO OPTIMIZE THE TAXING OF MARIJUANA SALES, WE'RE REALLY
17 CONCERNED THAT THE FUNDING STREAM IS UNCERTAIN AND WILL NOT BE
18 LARGE ENOUGH TO ADDRESS--

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU NEXT SPEAKER.

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22 **ELSA TUNG:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ELSA TUNG
23 WITH THE LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD LAND TRUST A MEMBER OF THE
24 OUR PARKS COALITION. THE LAND TRUST CREATES, ORGANIZES AND
25 ADVOCATES FOR PARKS AND GREEN SPACES IN L.A.'S LOW INCOME PARK



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1 POOR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND AS A MEMBER OF THE OUR PARKS
2 COALITION WE'D LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO THE
3 BOARD FOR APPROVING THE PARK'S MEASURE LAST WEEK TO BE PLACED
4 ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. TODAY WE ARE HERE ONCE AGAIN TO
5 STRONGLY SUPPORT A FUNDING MEASURE FOR HOMELESSNESS. BOTH
6 PARKS AND AFFORDABLE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND SERVICES ARE
7 INTEGRATED SUPPORT SYSTEMS FOR ANGELINOS THAT ARE IN URGENT
8 NEED OF ATTENTION. THIS IS A MORAL IMPERATIVE. THE OUR PARKS
9 COALITION SUPPORTS THE BOTTOM UP APPROACH USED TO DEVELOP THE
10 FUNDING PLANS FOR TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS. THE USE OF A
11 PARCEL TAX BASED ON SQUARE FOOTAGE FOR PARKS WAS THE RIGHT
12 DECISION, AS WAS THE SALES TAX FOR THE TRANSPORTATION MEASURE.
13 WE ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO CONSIDER A FUNDING MECHANISM FOR
14 HOMELESSNESS THAT WILL COMPLEMENT THESE ADOPTED OPTIONS. THANK
15 YOU.

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **MARNI BAIM:** HI, MY NAME MARNI BAIM. I'M CLINICAL PROGRAM
20 MANAGER AT NEW EARTH. WE'RE A NONPROFIT THAT WORKS WITH
21 TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH COMING OUT OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE
22 SYSTEM. I'VE WORKED WITH HOMELESS YOUTH AGES 18 TO 24 FOR THE
23 LAST FOUR YEARS AND THERE IS AN UNBELIEVABLE NEED FOR MORE
24 FUNDING. THE YOUTH THAT WE WORK WITH OFTENTIMES COME TO US
25 READY TO GET EDUCATION, TO GET EMPLOYMENT; HOWEVER, WITHOUT



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1 HOUSING, THAT IS JUST IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM. WE'LL CALL THE
2 SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR THIS AGE GROUP AND IT WILL BE A THREE
3 TO FOUR-WEEK WAIT LIST THAT THEY'RE ON THE STREET, AT THAT
4 TIME BECOMING REINCARCERATED, BECOMING DRUG ADDICTED,
5 WHATEVER'S HAPPENING, JUST BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE HOUSING.
6 AFTER THEY DO GET HOUSING, THERE'S AN UNBELIEVABLE NEED AGAIN
7 FOR MORE SERVICES, ONGOING SERVICES TO HELP WITH EMPLOYMENT,
8 EDUCATION, JUST GENERAL LIFE SKILLS. SO WE DEFINITELY SUPPORT
9 THIS ACT AND DEFINITELY NEED MORE FUNDING FOR THESE SERVICES
10 FOR THIS YOUTH.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, SIR?

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14 **STEVE RENAHAN:** MADAME PRESIDENT, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS STEVE
15 RENAHAN. I'M WITH SHELTER PARTNERSHIP HERE IN LOS ANGELES.
16 THANK YOU FOR ADOPTING IN FEBRUARY A SET OF STRATEGIES THAT IF
17 FUNDED WILL MAKE A REAL IMPACT ON HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES.
18 THANK YOU ALSO FOR RECOGNIZING THAT HOMELESSNESS IN LOS
19 ANGELES IS AN EMERGENCY. IT'S TIME NOW TO IDENTIFY RESOURCES
20 TO ADDRESS THAT EMERGENCY. PLEASE PLACE ON THE BALLOT IN
21 NOVEMBER A MEASURE TO ALLOW THE VOTERS TO PROVIDE RESOURCES SO
22 WE CAN ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS. AND PLEASE MAKE THAT A MEASURE
23 THAT IS HIGHLY LIKELY TO PASS THAT WILL RAISE REVENUES
24 COMMENSURATE WITH THE NEED AND WILL PRODUCE THOSE REVENUES AS



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1 SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ADDRESS OUR EXISTING EMERGENCY, SUCH AS
2 THE GENERAL QUARTER CENT SALES TAX WITH A HOMELESS ADVISORY.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

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6 **STEPHANIE KLASKY GAMER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, I'M
7 STEPHANIE KLASKY GAMER WITH L.A. FAMILY HOUSING. WE'RE A
8 PROVIDER OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND DEVELOPER OF 23 PROPERTIES
9 OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES, INCLUDING IN
10 FOUR OF OUR FIVE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. AS WE ALL KNOW, AND
11 HAS BEEN STATED CLEARLY SO FAR TODAY, HOMELESSNESS HAS
12 INCREASED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. IN THE PAST YEAR ALONE, L.A.
13 FAMILY HOUSING SERVED 6400 PEOPLE WITH OUR OUTREACH SERVICES
14 THROUGH THE COUNTY'S COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM FOR HOMELESS
15 INDIVIDUALS AS WELL AS FOR FAMILIES AS WELL AS THROUGH OUR
16 BRIDGE HOUSING BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO REACH OUT AND CONDUCT
17 ASSESSMENTS OF SO MANY PEOPLE WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO PLACE THEM
18 INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. THAT'S OUR ULTIMATE GOAL. TO HELP
19 EVERYONE WE MEET, WHETHER IT'S IN THE STREETS, WHETHER IT'S
20 THROUGH OUR BRIDGE HOUSING OR SHELTERS, TO HELP EVERYONE WE
21 MEET IN OUR HOMELESS SERVICES MOVE INTO THEIR OWN HOME AND
22 REMAIN STABLE THERE. THERE'S STABILITY AND HOUSING IS
23 DEPENDENT ON ACCESS TO THE APPROPRIATE AND CONTINUED
24 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. LESS THAN 1/3 OF OUR PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



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1 ACTUALLY MOVE INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO
2 MAKE THAT POSSIBLE FOR EVERYONE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL UP DENNY ZANE.
5 STACEY SLEVCOVE. MARK WILLIAMS. KATIE HILL. ERIC MONTOYA.

6

7 **DENNY ZANE:** SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS DENNY ZANE. I'M SPEAKING
8 TODAY ON BEHALF OF SANTA MONICANS FOR RENTERS RIGHTS, THOUGH
9 AS YOU KNOW, I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MOVE L.A., AS WELL.
10 MOVE L.A. HAS NOT TAKEN A POSITION. I WILL OFFER MY PERSONAL
11 POSITION. WHAT WE HAVE HERE I THINK IS A CONVERGENCE OF BOTH
12 CRISIS AND OPPORTUNITY. THE CRISIS WE UNDERSTAND VERY WELL.
13 IT'S THE EXTRAORDINARY PRICES OF HOMELESSNESS AND AFFORDABLE
14 HOUSING, THE LACK THEREOF IN OUR COUNTY. WE HAVE AN
15 OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE WE HAVE LEADERS WILLING TO LEAD AND
16 ELECTORATE WILLING TO RESPOND. WE CANNOT HAVE A HEALTHY
17 COMMUNITY WITHOUT ADDRESSING THE CALAMITY AND THE MORAL
18 IMPERATIVE OF HOMELESSNESS. THERE ARE THREE ALTERNATIVES
19 BEFORE YOU. WE WOULD BE HAPPY, I WOULD BE HAPPY, TO SUPPORT
20 ANY OF THE ALTERNATIVES THAT ARE BEFORE YOU. THEY EACH HAVE
21 THEIR ADVANTAGES. I CAN SUPPORT, IN FACT, THE QUARTER CENT
22 SALES TAX AS PROPOSED, RECOGNIZING THAT IT HAS A HIGH
23 LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESS. IT CAN PROVIDE VERY SIGNIFICANT NEW
24 REVENUE AND THAT IT CAN PROVIDE THAT REVENUE EARLY. BUT EACH



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1 WILL ONLY BEGIN TO MEET THE CHALLENGE. THE CHALLENGE WILL
2 STILL BE BEFORE US. I HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN IN 2018.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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6 **STACEY SLEVCOVE:** HELLO. MY NAME IS STACEY SLEVCOVE, AND I'M
7 REPRESENTING LINK HOUSING, A BUILDER OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING
8 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. LINK IS WORKING TO BE PART OF THE
9 SOLUTION TO HOMELESSNESS. AND IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING GENERAL
10 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS CURRENTLY BUILDING 117 UNITS OF
11 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN L.A. COUNTY. WE APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S
12 SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CAPITAL TO
13 ADDRESS THIS NEED. I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THE NEED FOR
14 RESOURCES TO PROVIDE GOOD SUPPORTIVE SERVICES IN HOUSING FOR
15 THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS. NOT ONLY ARE SERVICES
16 CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF RESIDENTS, BUT AVAILABLE FUNDING
17 FOR SERVICES CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN PUTTING THE PIECES
18 TOGETHER TO BUILD NEW HOUSING. WE ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO GIVE
19 VOTERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DECIDE ON THE TAX MEASURES THAT WILL
20 BRING THE MOST FUNDING IN THE QUICKEST MANNER TO IMPLEMENT THE
21 COUNTY STRATEGIES TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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1 **KATIE HILL:** HI, MY NAME IS KATIE HILL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
2 P.A.T.H., PEOPLE ASSISTING THE HOMELESS, SERVING THOUSANDS OF
3 HOMELESS AND FORMERLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS, VETERANS AND
4 FAMILIES ACROSS THE COUNTY. WHILE WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF ANY OF
5 THE REVENUE GENERATING MEASURES BEING DISCUSSED, WE WOULD LIKE
6 TO URGE YOU TO CONSIDER THE QUARTER CENT SALES TAX THAT WOULD
7 FUND HOMELESS SERVICES ON AN ONGOING BASIS. THE SALES TAX, IF
8 APPROVED, WOULD PROVIDE BY FAR THE MOST REVENUE, ALLOWING US
9 TO IMPLEMENT AND SUSTAIN THE RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES THAT WE
10 KNOW WILL HAVE THE BIGGEST IMPACT ON HOMELESSNESS IN L.A.
11 COUNTY. REGARDLESS, WE DEFINITELY KNOW WE WILL NOT SEE ANOTHER
12 OPPORTUNITY IN TERMS OF PUBLIC ATTENTION ON HOMELESSNESS AND
13 VOTER TURNOUT LIKE WE WILL IN NOVEMBER. PLEASE GIVE VOTERS THE
14 OPPORTUNITY TO DECIDE IN SOME WAY, SHAPE OR FORM WHETHER THEY
15 ARE WILLING TO INVEST IN HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK
16 YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. SIR?

19

20 **ERIC MONTOYA:** MY NAME IS ERIC MONTOYA. I WORK FOR L.A. FAMILY
21 HOUSING. I'M A C.S. NAVIGATOR FOR S.P.A. 2 AREA. WHEN I
22 STARTED DOING OUTREACH IN SUNLAND TUJUNGA NEARLY SEVEN YEARS
23 AGO, THERE WAS UPWARDS OF 45 PEOPLE LIVING IN THE TUJUNGA
24 WASH. MANY OF THESE FOLKS HAD BEEN LIVING OUT THERE FOR 5, 10,
25 EVEN 20 YEARS. THEY WERE VIRTUALLY CUT OFF FROM THE REST OF



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1 SOCIETY AS POLICE TOLD RESIDENTS NOT TO GO INTO THE WASH AREA.
2 AS A RESULT, THESE FOLKS MIGHT NEVER HAVE HEARD OF ANY OF THE
3 SERVICES WE WERE OFFERING THEM. NEVERTHELESS LET ALONE
4 CONNECTED TO SERVICES, AND MOST LIKELY WOULD STILL BE LIVING
5 IN THEIR TENTS IN THE BUSHES. IT HAS TAKEN ME MANY YEARS AND
6 COUNTLESS TRIPS TO THE WASH TO BUILD THE RELATIONSHIPS AND
7 TRUST NEEDED TO GET THESE FOLKS CONNECTED TO SERVICES. THESE
8 FOLKS LIKE SEAN WE FOUND WITH AN INCREDIBLY BURNED FOOT WHO
9 COULD HAVE LIKELY DIED FROM AN INFECTION AND THE WOUND BUT HE
10 WAS TOO SCARED TO CALL POLICE FOR HELP. INSTEAD WE WERE ABLE
11 TO CONVINCE HIM TO CALL THE PARAMEDICS TO GET HIM THE SERVICES
12 HE NEEDED. THAT WAS THE FIRST STEP TO BEING ABLE TO GET HIM
13 INTO A SHELTER BED AND CONNECT HIM TO A HOUSING VOUCHER. THEN
14 THERE WAS DAVE WHO WAS HOMELESS FOR 10 YEARS BEFORE I MET HIM,
15 AND HE HAD BEEN INJURED ON THE JOB.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **MARK WILLIAMS.:** MY NAME IS MARK WILLIAMS. I'M A VETERAN OF THE
20 UNITED STATES COAST GUARD. I'M A RESCUE SWIMMER. I'M A REALTOR
21 OF CALIFORNIA. I USED TO WORK AT HATHAWAY CHILDREN'S SERVICES
22 AS A REC THERAPIST. I'M HERE TO ASK YOU TO PASS PERMANENT
23 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. I WAS BORN IN MALIBU, RAISED IN A GOOD
24 WORLD. AND YEARS AGO I BECAME PERMANENTLY-- I BECAME
25 TEMPORARILY PARALYZED A COUPLE YEARS AGO AND I WAS HOMELESS.



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1 AND I STARTED NOTICING THIS IS VERY COMMON IN SOUTHERN
2 CALIFORNIA. A LOT OF MY FRIENDS WERE ENDING UP ON THE STREETS.
3 IF IT WASN'T FOR P.A.T.H. HOLLYWOOD WHO REFERRED ME TO L.A.
4 HOUSING, I MEAN ANTONOVICH'S, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S
5 DISTRICT, I WOULD PROBABLY BE DEAD TODAY BECAUSE I WAS REALLY
6 ON THE END AND LIVING IN MY CAR. SO THEY PULLED ME OUT, GOT ME
7 SURGERY, GOT ME A PLACE TO LIVE. AND FOR A YEAR NOW I'M
8 STARTING TO RECOVER. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. KEVIN MURRAY. EDWARD
11 HOLDER. DAVID HOWDEN. ASHLEIGH SUMNER. THERE'S A FAMILIAR
12 FACE.

13

14 **KEVIN MURRAY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KEVIN
15 MURRAY. I AM THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE WEINGART CENTER
16 LOCATED ON 6TH AND SAN PEDRO. WE HOUSE AND FEED AND SERVICE
17 ABOUT 600 PEOPLE A NIGHT. WE DO THIS ON A DAILY BASIS
18 PRIMARILY AS AN AGENT OF THE COUNTY. WE HAVE CONTRACTS WITH
19 D.P.S.S. AND D.M.H. AND D.H.S. AS WELL AS PROBATION. I'M HERE
20 TO URGE YOU TO SUPPORT A STABLE FUNDING SOURCE FOR
21 HOMELESSNESS. I PRIMARILY BELIEVE THAT THE QUARTER CENT SALES
22 TAX IS THE BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR THAT, ALTHOUGH NO ONE LOOKS
23 FUNDING FOR YOUR ISSUE IN THE FACE. ONE OF THE THINGS I THINK
24 YOU SHOULD MEASURE YOUR DECISION AGAINST IS THE STABILITY AND
25 THE TIMELINESS OF THE REVENUE SOURCE. ONE OF THE THINGS IS



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1 THAT WE NEED THIS NOW. AND THE PUBLIC SUPPORT IS OF IT NOW,
2 AND YOUR SUPPORT, AND THE CITY'S SUPPORT IN COORDINATING WITH
3 YOU IS NOW. SO WHATEVER CHOICE YOU MAKE, AND I DO NOT ENVY THE
4 HOBSON'S CHOICES THAT YOU ALL HAVE TO MAKE, BUT WHATEVER
5 CHOICE THAT YOU MAKE, I HOPE YOU MEASURE IT AGAINST THOSE
6 THREE STANDARDS. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

9

10 **DAVID HOWDEN:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DAVID HOWDEN FROM
11 THE CORPORATION FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO
12 THANK EACH OF YOU AS WELL AS YOUR STAFF FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO
13 ENDING HOMELESSNESS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES. OVER THE PAST FEW
14 MONTHS, YOU HAVE TAKEN A NUMBER OF HISTORIC STEPS TO MOVE THE
15 COUNTY CLOSER TO THAT GOAL, INCLUDING UNANIMOUSLY PASSING THE
16 COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS, AS
17 WELL AS DECLARING HOMELESSNESS A STATE OF EMERGENCY THAT
18 REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ACTION BY THE STATE, THE COUNTY AND THE
19 CITIES ALIKE. BEFORE YOU TODAY IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THE
20 NEXT STEP ONE THAT WOULD ENSURE THE FUNDING NECESSARY TO FULLY
21 IMPLEMENT THE COUNTY'S STRATEGY, PROVIDING THE SERVICES IN
22 HOUSING SO CRITICALLY NEEDED TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS FOR
23 THOUSANDS OF ANGELINOS. PUBLIC AWARENESS AND PUBLIC WILL IS
24 STRONGER THAN IT HAS EVER BEEN. AND THE TIMING IS NOW TO BRING
25 THE ISSUE TO THE PUBLIC AND NOT ALLOW THEM TO SHOW THEIR



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1 SUPPORT. WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT A BALLOT MEASURE IN NOVEMBER,
2 ONE WHICH WOULD PROVIDE A DEDICATED REVENUE SOURCE
3 COMMENSURATE WITH THE NEED AND ONE THAT WOULD DO SO AS QUICKLY
4 AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, NEXT SPEAKER.

7

8 **ASHLEIGH SUMNER:** MY NAME IS ASHLEIGH SUMNER. AND I'M AN ARTIST
9 LIVING AND WORKING IN THE ARTS DISTRICT. AND FOR THE PAST
10 DECADE I'VE HAD A FRONT ROW SEAT TO THE GROWING HOMELESS ISSUE
11 THAT WE'VE ALL BEEN DEALING WITH. IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, ON
12 ANY GIVEN NIGHT, THERE ARE 47,000 HOMELESS MEN, WOMEN AND
13 CHILDREN OF WHOM 35,000 PERSONS ARE LIVING IN PLACES NOT MEANT
14 FOR HUMAN HABITATION. IN A NATURAL DISASTER, IF IT CAUSED THIS
15 MANY PEOPLE TO BE HOMELESS, WE WOULD BE TREATING THIS LIKE A
16 STATE OF EMERGENCY, BECAUSE IT IS. AND I PERSONALLY, ALONG WITH
17 MANY OTHER PEOPLE IN THE ARTS DISTRICT, WE SUPPORT THE QUARTER
18 CENT TAX, BECAUSE SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE NOW, NOT IN 2018.
19 IT IS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF ALL OF US. AND AS PUBLIC SERVANTS,
20 I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO ADDRESS THE GREATEST ISSUE OF THE
21 PUBLIC. I DARE YOU TO DRIVE DOWN 6TH OR 5TH STREET AND TELL ME
22 A GREATER ISSUE THAT'S FACING THE PUBLIC RIGHT NOW. THANK YOU
23 SO MUCH.

24



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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** DON GARZA. CARLOS RINCON. SIEGLINDE
2 VON DEFFNER MARSHA TEMPLE. YANA SIMONE. PETER LYNN.

3

4 **DON GARZA:** DON GARZA. I HAVEN'T BEEN HERE. AND I RECOGNIZE
5 SOME PEOPLE. AND I WAS AT THE MIDNIGHT MISSION ON SUNDAY, AS
6 WELL. GOT TO SING WITH DICK VAN DYKE AND I'M A MEMBER OF URBAN
7 FORCES CHOIR THERE ON SKID ROW. YOU'RE ONE OF MY HEROES,
8 BELIEVE IT OR NOT, AND SO ARE YOU. SO WHAT I'M GOING TO TELL
9 YOU TODAY IS JUST GET IT DONE. IT'S EXHAUSTING. IT'S
10 EXHAUSTING WORK. RIGHT NOW I'M WORKING WITH A YOUNG MAN. I'VE
11 BEEN WORKING WITH HIM FOUR YEARS. HE FINALLY HAS A VOUCHER FOR
12 A ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT. WE'VE GOT TILL AUGUST 8TH FOR THAT
13 VOUCHER TO EXPIRE. PLEASE GET THIS DONE AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE
14 YOU, SHEILA AND OTHERS, IF YOU WANT YOUR ANSWERS ESPECIALLY
15 ABOUT MARIJUANA AND STUFF LIKE THAT, I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO-
16 - WHEN BLAIR BESTON COMES UP HERE, I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU.
17 SHE'S JUST RIGHT DOWN THE STREET. SHE'S HISTORIC CORE BUSINESS
18 FROM DISTRICT-- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SPEND TIME WITH HER. YOU
19 ARE GOING TO GET YOUR ANSWERS.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PERHAPS WE CAN HAVE SOMEONE ON STAFF
22 MEET WITH HIM TO TALK ABOUT THE VOUCHER SECTION 8. SOMEONE
23 FROM OUR DEPARTMENT? CARLOS RINCON? MARSHA TEMPLE. YANA
24 SIMONE. PETER LYNN. GOING ONCE, TWICE. CALVIN BRUTON. QUEEN



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1 SEARLES. ARMANDO GUDINO. ANN SEWILL. GO AHEAD, MA'AM. STATE
2 YOUR NAME.

3

4 **SIEGLINDE VON DEFFNER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SIEGLINDE
5 VON DEFFNER AND I'M WITH THE UNION STATION HOMELESS SERVICES.
6 AND I LIVE AND WORK IN S.P.A. 3 AND I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL
7 FOR YOUR HARD WORK THAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING ON ADDRESSING OUR
8 HOMELESS CRISIS. AND I THINK YOU ALL KNOW THAT IT DOESN'T STOP
9 HERE. AND I APPRECIATE ALL OF THE MEASURES PUT FORTH TO CREATE
10 ONGOING FUNDING STREAMS SO THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY PUT AN END TO
11 THIS PROBLEM. AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO GET ALL OF THE
12 MEASURES ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT AND ALLOW US TO DECIDE AS
13 VOTERS WHAT WE THINK THE BEST DECISIONS ARE. I THINK THEY'RE
14 ALL GREAT MEASURES. I THINK WE WANT ONGOING FUNDING STREAMS
15 AND WE WANT TO END THIS THING, AND WE APPRECIATE DOING IT IN
16 PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. NEXT SPEAKER. YES,
19 SIR.

20

21 **CALVIN BRUTON:** MY NAME IS CALVIN BRUTON. I REPRESENT NEW EARTH
22 WHICH IS AN ORGANIZATION. RIGHT NOW THEY'RE FINANCIALLY
23 STABLE. WELL, HOW CAN I SAY IT? I'M CURRENTLY IN A V.O.A.,
24 WHICH IS VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA PATHWAYS AT THE MEN'S SHELTER
25 38TH AND BROADWAY. I CAME HERE BECAUSE I REPRESENT NEW EARTH



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1 AND RIGHT NOW WE IN NEED OF FUNDS TO HELP WITH YOUNG MEN AND
2 YOUNG WOMEN THAT'S TRYING TO GET THEIR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.
3 HOUSING, HOUSING REFERRALS. ANYTHING THAT CAN HELP THE YOUNG
4 ADULTS WHO ARE WORKING, AFFORDABLE AND PERMANENT HOUSING.
5 THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

8

9 **ANN SEWILL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M ANN SEWILL OF THE CALIFORNIA
10 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, HERE ONCE AGAIN TO THANK YOU, ALL OF
11 YOU, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS. YOU'VE ADOPTED A
12 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT CALLS FOR AROUND \$450 MILLION A YEAR
13 TO IMPLEMENT. YOU'VE DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY. AND NOW
14 YOU'RE STRUGGLING WITH HOW DO WE REALLY PUT THE MEAT ON THE
15 BONES AND REALLY BRING IT HOME TO ACTUALLY SUCCEED IN WHAT YOU
16 SET FORTH TO DO? I URGE YOU TO DO WHAT WILL BRING THE MOST
17 MONEY THE FASTEST. WE HAVE A CRISIS. LISTENING TO THE
18 MARIJUANA DISCUSSION, I CAME HERE PREPARED TO SAY DO WHATEVER.
19 BUT 2018 JUST SOUNDS LIKE A REALLY LONG TIME TO ACTUALLY
20 RESPOND. SO I URGE YOU TO DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO PRODUCE
21 THE MONEY NOW BECAUSE WE DO HAVE A CRISIS. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

24



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1 **ARMANDO GUDINO:** THANK YOU. ARMANDO GUDINO, DRUG POLICY
2 ALLIANCE. MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I BRING TO YOU
3 SOME DOCUMENTS THAT OUTLINE THE PROPOSITION 64. AS MY PREVIOUS
4 COLLEAGUE REFERENCED, WE ARE PROPONENTS. AND I ALSO WANT TO
5 STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU GUYS TO TAKE A STEP BACK AND LOOK AT
6 THIS ISSUE VERY, VERY, VERY CLOSELY. WE ARE RUNNING THE RISK
7 OF MAINTAINING THE BLACK MARKET IF WE TAX TOO HIGH. WE ARE
8 RUNNING THE RISK OF GETTING AHEAD OF OURSELVES WHEN HAVEN'T
9 EVEN STOP[ED THE BANNING, WHEN WE HAVEN'T REGULATED MEDICAL
10 MARIJUANA. EVEN YOUR EXPERTS THIS AFTERNOON I THINK REALLY
11 HIGHLIGHTED A CONCERN OF MINE WHEN WE TALK SO MUCH ABOUT THIS
12 ISSUE OF PUBLIC HEALTH, YET NOBODY MENTIONED THAT 60 PERCENT
13 OF THIS PROPOSED BILLION DOLLAR INDUSTRY WILL GO TOWARDS
14 FUNDING YOUTH DRUG PREVENTION, EDUCATION AND TREATMENT. AND I
15 THINK THIS SPEAKS TO THE ISSUE IN HOW MUCH MORE NEEDS TO BE
16 LEARNED AND UNDERSTOOD ABOUT THIS INITIATIVE AND I ENCOURAGE
17 YOU TO DO SO BEFORE YOU MOVE FORWARD. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GREG SPIEGEL. DESTINY
20 VAZQUEZ. NEREIDA VAZQUEZ. ORINIO OPINALDO SARAH ARMSTRONG. GO
21 AHEAD, MA'AM.

22

23 **DESTINY VAZQUEZ:** HI, MY NAME IS DESTINY VAZQUEZ. I AM 16 YEARS
24 OLD AND I AM SOPHOMORE IN HIGH SCHOOL. I'M HERE BECAUSE I WANT
25 TO TALK ABOUT HOW WE CAN LEGALIZE MARIJUANA AND TAX IT. WE CAN



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1 USE THE MONEY THEY TAX FOR MARIJUANA FOR MANY OF OUR HOMELESS
2 IN THE NORTHEAST LOS ANGELES AREA. IN THE PAST THREE YEARS,
3 THE HOMELESS POPULATION IN JUST THE NORTHEAST LOS ANGELES HAS
4 INCREASED TREMENDOUSLY. THIS IS A PROBLEM. I HELP OUT AN
5 ORGANIZATION CALLED RECYCLE RESOURCES FOR THE HOMELESS. WE
6 NEED THE FUNDING TO HELP THESE PEOPLE OUT. I KNOW MANY PEOPLE
7 OUT IN THE STREETS OF THE NORTHEAST LOS ANGELES AREA WITH KIDS
8 MY AGE AND MAYBE EVEN YOUNGER. WE DO NOT ASK TO BE HOMELESS.
9 BUT THEY ARE. WE NEED TO START TO BUY PROPERTY. WE NEED TO
10 START AFFORDING HOUSING THAT IS CHEAP. THIS IS A BIG PROBLEM.
11 THE REASON WHY I CARE IS BECAUSE I WAS HOMELESS ON THE STREET
12 FOR TWO YEARS OF MY LIFE. I WAS A KID AND I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT
13 WAS HAPPENING. I WAS JUST EIGHT YEARS OLD AT THE TIME. WE
14 ENDED UP LOSING OUR SECTION 8 WHEN MY MOM GOT IT. MY MOM WAS
15 STABLE ENOUGH TO PAY FOR TWO MONTHS. WHO KNOWS IF A PERSON
16 LIVING ON THE STREET FIVE YEARS IS ABLE AND STABLE ENOUGH TO
17 PAY A HOUSE THAT COSTS SO MUCH. I AM HERE AS THEIR VOICE, AND
18 WHY? BECAUSE I DIDN'T ASK TO BE HOMELESS, EITHER. AS THE
19 PERSON I AM TODAY, I'M A 16-YEAR-OLD YOUNG ADULT KNOWING WHAT
20 SHE WANTS IN LIFE AND WHY? BECAUSE WE GOT THE HELP WE NEEDED
21 AND I WANT TO GIVE BACK TO THOSE IN NEED.

22
23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] HOLD ON. HOLD
24 ON.



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1 **FRED SPIEGEL:** FRED SPIEGEL, INNER CITY LAW CENTER. FIRST,
2 THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN TAKING US THIS FAR ON
3 HOMELESSNESS. YOU HAVE DEVELOPED AND ADOPTED THE MOST
4 COMPREHENSIVE AND INNOVATIVE PLAN TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS. YOU
5 HAVE COMMITTED OVER 100 MILLION IN ONE TIME FUNDING TO
6 IMPLEMENT IT. HOWEVER WITHOUT A PERMANENT REVENUE SOURCE TO
7 FUND THIS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, THE PLAN WILL BECOME A LONG LINE
8 OF PLANS BECAUSE IT WOULD NOT HAVE ADDRESSED THE UNDERLYING
9 DYNAMICS OF HOMELESSNESS. WE'RE ASKING THAT YOU GO FURTHER,
10 THAT YOU COME TOGETHER TO DO SOMETHING TRULY HISTORIC THAT CAN
11 MAKE HOMELESSNESS RARE AND BRIEF IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ASK
12 THAT YOU PLACE AN ONGOING REVENUE SOURCE TO ADDRESS
13 HOMELESSNESS ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. WHILE WE EACH HAVE OUR
14 OWN PREFERENCES ON WHAT WOULD BE THE BEST VEHICLE, MINE WOULD
15 BE SALES TAX BECAUSE OF THE AMOUNTS BECAUSE THE TIMING AND THE
16 CERTAINTY. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS ARE THAT IT BE SUBSTANTIAL,
17 ENOUGH MONEY TO COVER THE FUNDING GAP FOR ONGOING SERVICES AND
18 SUBSIDIES AS OUTLINED IN THE COUNTY'S PLAN, THAT IT BE IN
19 NOVEMBER AND THAT IT WIN. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS VAZQUEZ.

22

23 **NEREIDA VAZQUEZ:** HI, MY NAME IS NERI VASQUEZ AND I LIVE IN THE
24 AREA OF NORTHEAST L.A., GASHILL PARK. AS YOU GUYS SEEN A
25 LITTLE BIT AGO, MY DAUGHTER IS HERE TO SHARE HER STORY. THE



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1 REASON WHY I'M HERE-- AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY-- IS
2 BECAUSE I'M ONE OF THE ONES THAT THE STATISTICS IN THE
3 HOMELESSNESS POPULATION WHERE WE CAN'T GET ON OUR FEET FOR
4 WHATEVER REASON. OR WE GET HOUSING. I BEEN HOUSED BEFORE. I
5 GOT MY SECTION 8 BEING HOMELESS WITH MY KIDS AND EVEN WITH MY
6 KIDS GOT REMOVED BECAUSE OF MY MENTAL ILLNESS OR BECAUSE I
7 SUFFER FROM MENTAL ILLNESS, I WASN'T ENDANGERMENT TO MY KIDS.
8 IT'S NOT ABOUT BEING HOUSED. IT'S HOW TO MAINTAIN OUR HOUSING.
9 HOW TO COLLABORATE WITH THE RESOURCES THAT ARE OUT THERE TO
10 HELP THEM SUSTAIN AND KEEP THEIR HOUSING. THERE'S A LOT OF
11 AREAS IN OUR LIFE CIRCLE TO BE ABLE TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND
12 PRODUCTIVE. BUT NOW BECAUSE I HAVE A MENTAL ILLNESS OR I AM
13 HOMELESS AGAIN WITHOUT CUSTODY OF MY KIDS IS GOING TO STOP ME
14 FROM BEING THE VOICE OF THOSE THAT AREN'T HEARD LIKE MYSELF.
15 I'M A HOMELESS PERSON RIGHT NOW, IF YOU GUYS BELIEVE IT OR
16 NOT. AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN
17 COLLABORATE NOT ONLY PASSING THE LAW BUT WORKING OTHERWISE IN
18 JUST GETTING US HOUSED.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR SHARING.
21 THANK YOU, MA'AM.

22

23 **SARAH ARMSTRONG:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I AM SARAH ARMSTRONG,
24 DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY AFFAIRS FOR AMERICANS FOR SAFE ACCESS.
25 WE'RE HERE TODAY TO ASK YOU NOT TO IMPOSE MEDICAL MARIJUANA



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1 TAXES. RIGHT NOW, PATIENTS PAY 9 PERCENT STATE SALES TAX AND
2 LOCAL TAX OF 6 PERCENT FOR COMBINED TAX OF 15 PERCENT. IF YOU
3 IMPOSE NEW 10 PERCENT TAX, AS YOU PROPOSE TO DO, PATIENTS IN
4 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WILL HAVE A COMBINED TAX OF 25
5 PERCENT, A TAX YOU WOULD NEVER CONTEMPLATE IMPOSING ON INSULIN
6 OR BLOOD PRESSURE MEDICATION. TAXING THE SICK AND DYING TO PAY
7 FOR PROGRAMS THAT BENEFIT ANOTHER BELEAGUERED SEGMENT OF YOUR
8 CONSTITUENCY IS PROBLEMATIC. THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO FUND
9 THESE PROGRAMS, AND WE WOULD URGE YOU TO LOOK AT THEM AS THEY
10 ALL WILL PRODUCE MORE REVENUE THAN A TAX ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA.
11 IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT MEDICAL CANNABIS PATIENTS HAVE
12 CHRONIC OR DEBILITATING ILLNESSES. AS TIME GOES BY, THEY MAY
13 BE LESS AND LESS ABLE TO SUSTAIN THEMSELVES. IT SEEMS UNFAIR
14 TO TAX A SEGMENT WHICH MAY WELL END UP HOMELESS AS A RESULT OF
15 THEIR ILLNESS, PARTICULARLY WHEN THOSE WHO END UP HOMELESS ARE
16 TYPICALLY MINORITIES. PLEASE REMOVE THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA TAX.
17 YOU HAVE OTHER OPTIONS. AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA PATIENTS ARE
18 ALREADY TAXED.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BRAD JENSEN. LISA PAYNE.
21 SHARI WEAVER. CARLOS MATA. YES, SIR.

22

23 **ORINIO OPINALDO:** GREETINGS AND BLESSINGS, SUPERVISOR. I,
24 ORINIO OPINALDO, AM GLAD YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE HOMELESS.
25 WHILE THE CITY COUNCIL DID EVERYTHING TO MAKE THE HOMELESS



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1 CRIMINALS WITH POSSESSIONS, CONSISTENTLY L.A. CITY COUNCIL
2 WOULD NOT RESPOND ABOUT THE BANKS CREATING A REZONING AND LAND
3 GENTRIFICATION. WHY DO CITIZENS HAVE TO PAY MORE TAXES FOR
4 SOMETHING THE BANKS AND OTHERS ARE DOING WITH DISPLACEMENT?
5 WHY PRESENT MAKE A BILL TO MAKE CORPORATE DISPLACERS WHO ARE
6 DISPLACING FAMILIES IN KOREATOWN, EAST L.A., SOUTH CENTRAL,
7 PAY FOR THAT DISPLACEMENT, INSTEAD OF LOW PAID, HARD WORKING
8 CITIZENS? I AND MY 14 GRANDCHILDREN ENDED UP HOMELESS DUE TO
9 THE BANKS WHO TOOK ALL MY EQUITY OF \$1.5 MILLION. I AM GLAD
10 YOU CARE ABOUT THE HOMELESS. BUT CARE FOR THE TAXPAYERS AND GO
11 AFTER THE BANKS CREATING HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **LISA PAYNE:** MY NAME IS LISA PAYNE. I'M WITH THE SOUTHERN
14 CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT HOUSING. WE THANK YOU FOR
15 REALIZING THE SCOPE OF THE INCREASINGLY WORSENING CALAMITY AS
16 WELL AS THE CLEAR DESIRE OF THE PUBLIC THAT ALSO RECOGNIZES
17 THIS CRISIS IS WORSENING AND HAS AN URGENT DESIRE TO FIND
18 SIGNIFICANT FUNDING TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE. WE THANK YOU,
19 SUPERVISORS, FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE AND THE DIFFERENT STEPS YOU
20 HAVE TAKEN TO GET US HERE SO THAT WE ARE CONSIDERING A BALLOT
21 MEASURE THAT WOULD ADDRESS THE ISSUE. WE URGE YOU BECAUSE IT'S
22 RIGHT AND BECAUSE THE PUBLIC WANTS YOU TO FIND THE MEASURE
23 THAT WILL PROVIDE THE MOST FUNDING IN THE QUICKEST WAY
24 POSSIBLE. THAT IS WHAT THE POLLING SUGGESTS THE PUBLIC WANTS,
25 AND WE URGE YOU TO PUT THAT BEFORE THEM TO VOTE ON. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

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4 **SHARI WEAVER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SHARI WEAVER FROM
5 HARBOR INTERFAITH SERVICES IN SAN PEDRO AND I'M THE
6 COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM REGIONAL COORDINATOR FOR S.P.A. 8. IN
7 THE PAST TWO YEARS, WITH THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM, WE'VE
8 PLACED OVER 454 CHRONIC HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WITH HOUSING.
9 EVEN WITH THIS GOOD WORK, WE ARE BARELY PUTTING A DENT IN
10 REDUCING THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS PEOPLE LIVING ON THE STREETS.
11 WE APPRECIATE THE COUNTY'S INITIAL INVESTMENT AND LOOK FORWARD
12 TO YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN ADDRESSING THE HOMELESS CRISIS IN
13 L.A. COUNTY. WE HAVE A PLAN IN OUR REGION TO END HOMELESSNESS,
14 HOWEVER, WITHOUT THE SUSTAINED RESOURCES AND ADEQUATE HOUSING
15 RESOURCES, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THAT GOAL. WE HAVE
16 HUNDREDS OF INDIVIDUALS RIGHT NOW WITH SECTION 8 VOUCHERS THAT
17 WILL EXPIRE AND THEY WILL REMAIN HOMELESS BECAUSE OF
18 HISTORICALLY LOW VACANCIES IN L.A. COUNTY. IN THE PAST TWO
19 YEARS WE'VE HAD TWO SUPPORTIVE PROPERTIES OPEN UP WITH 158
20 UNITS TOTAL. THESE UNITS WERE FOR SINGLE ADULTS, SENIORS,
21 VETERANS AND FAMILIES AND WE WERE COMPLETELY FILLED IN LESS
22 THAN ONE MONTH'S TIME. WE NEED YOUR VOTE TO PASS THESE BALLOT
23 MEASURES, ESPECIALLY THE 1/4-CENT SALES TAX. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** LET ME SAY THANKFUL TO HARBOR INTERFAITH. THEY DO
2 A PHENOMENAL JOB DOWN THERE.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE NEXT SERIES OF SPEAKERS ARE BRAD
5 JENSEN. CARLOS MATA, OLIVER BUIE. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.
6 EDNESHA WILSON. JANET KELLY.

7

8 **OLIVER BUIE:** READY? OKAY. I'M REVEREND OLIVER E. BUIE FROM
9 HOLMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND ALSO A MEMBER OF L.A.
10 VOICE. I'M HERE TO ENCOURAGE AND URGE THE URGENCY OF THE BOARD
11 OF SUPERVISORS TO PASS THE QUARTER PERCENT TAX INCREASE TO
12 COMBAT HOMELESSNESS. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR VISIONARY
13 LEADERSHIP. ALSO, I NOTICE THAT THERE'S A GREAT DEAL OF
14 ENTHUSIASM BEHIND BODY CAMS. IF YOU RESOLVE THIS HOMELESS
15 PROBLEM, WE WON'T NEED BODY CAMS OR HAVE A GREAT NEED OF
16 HOMELESSNESS IF YOU GET RID OF IT, WE CAN ELIMINATE A LOT OF
17 THE ILLS HERE IN OUR CITY AND ALSO WE PROFESS TO BE SUCH A
18 GREAT CITY, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE TAKE CARE OF EVERYONE AND
19 NOT JUST SOME OF THE PEOPLE IN THE CITY. I WANT TO THANK YOU
20 AND I JUST URGE YOU TO DO SO. AND ALSO I DON'T USE DRUGS,
21 NEVER USED DRUGS, BUT WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT, THE PEOPLE OF
22 CALIFORNIA ARE GOING TO PASS THAT LAW AND I ENCOURAGE YOU TO
23 BE PROACTIVE IN THINKING OF WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO AND HOW
24 YOU'RE GOING TO ADDRESS WHEN THAT TAKES PLACE. AND HAVE A
25 GREAT DAY.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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4 **EDNESHA WILSON:** MY NAME IS EDNESHA WILSON AND I'M CURRENTLY
5 HOMELESS YOUTH IN SANCTUARY OF GOOD HOPE. I'M 20 YEARS OF AGE.
6 I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF THE HOMELESS YOUTH IN SOUTH CENTRAL
7 BECAUSE WE NEED MORE FUNDING AND MORE RESOURCES AND
8 OPPORTUNITIES SO THAT YOUNG ADULTS ARE ABLE TO SURVIVE AND
9 TRANSITION THROUGH ADULTHOOD. WE NEED MORE ACTIVITIES FOR
10 YOUNG ADULTS TO STAY POSITIVE AND ACTIVE WHEN WE ARE FACING
11 HOUSING INSECURITY. I URGE YOU TO CONSIDER ALL TAX PERCENT
12 OPTIONS SO THAT EACH PERSON LIKE ME CAN HAVE A HOME AND
13 SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR A PROMISING FUTURE. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER?

16

17 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
18 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. DEFINITELY, HOMELESSNESS IS A KEY
19 ISSUE. I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T GET DILUTED LOOKING
20 AT DIFFERENT THINGS AND MAYBE SLOW DOWN WHAT WE ARE GOING TO
21 DO ABOUT THE HOMELESS. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE MARIJUANA
22 ISSUE FOR MANY REASONS. IT HAS BEEN SOME VERY GOOD STUDIES,
23 LONG TERM STUDIES THAT ACTUALLY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
24 MENTIONED SOMETIME. BUT I WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU READ
25 ALL THE WORK OF DR. DON ABRAMS, WHO HAVE WORKED WITH MARIJUANA



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1 FOR 25 YEARS AND HAVE DONE SOLID STUDY, AND REALLY LOOK AT THE
2 IMPLICATION BECAUSE ON YOUNG CHILDREN IT HAS VERY NEFARIOUS
3 IMPACT. SO PLEASE LOOK AT THAT.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

6

7 **ERICA BARNARD:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ERICA BARNARD AND I
8 AM A FORMER FOSTER YOUTH AND HOMELESS YOUTH WITH SANCTUARY OF
9 HOPE. I FEEL LIKE IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG
10 ADULTS TO HAVE A VARIETY OF HOUSING OPTIONS, INCLUDING
11 TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND PERMANENT
12 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, THAT THIS PROPOSAL WILL PROVIDE. WE CANNOT
13 IGNORE THE CRISIS OF HOMELESSNESS ON OUR COMMUNITIES. ON
14 BEHALF OF ALL HOMELESS YOUTH, I'M HERE TO ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT
15 TO FIND INVESTMENTS FOR TAX PROPOSAL OPTIONS NEEDED FOR ALL
16 HOMELESS YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS WHO ARE HOMELESS IN PLAIN
17 SIGHT. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

20

21 **JANET KELLY:** HI, MY NAME IS JANET KELLY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
22 SANCTUARY OF HOPE THAT PROVIDES YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FOR
23 VULNERABLE YOUTH. THIS TAX PROPOSAL THAT IS BEFORE YOU RIGHT
24 NOW IS A CONSIDERATION OF LOVE. DO WE LOVE OUR HOMELESS
25 CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ENOUGH TO TAKE A BOLD STEP TO



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1 PROVIDE COMPASSION AND INVEST IN RESOURCES TO GIVE COUNTY
2 ANGELINOS THE DIGNITY OF HOUSING AND SUPPORT SERVICES? FOR TOO
3 LONG WE HAVE WORKED WITH LITTLE OR NOTHING IN ORDER TO DO A
4 LOT, AND HAVE WORKED MIRACLES ON BEHALF OF OUR HOMELESS
5 PATRONS WITH LIMITATIONS. NOW IS TIME TO SAY NO MORE. NO MORE
6 SITTING ON THE SIDELINES AS SPECTATORS WAITING FOR THE
7 SITUATION TO CHANGE OR GET BETTER. NO MORE SAYING NO TO
8 OPTIONS THAT CAN BE THE CATALYST TO END HOMELESSNESS.
9 HOMELESSNESS IS A SCOURGE THAT NO ADULT, CHILD OR EVEN YOUNG
10 ADULT SHOULD EVER ENDURE. HOME IS A FOUNDATION AND BUILDING
11 BLOCK FOR LIVING A WHOLESOME LIFE. MY THREE CENTS SAY THAT YOU
12 CONSIDER ALL THE TAX PROPOSAL OPTIONS ON THE TABLE FOR THE
13 NOVEMBER BALLOT. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE SOFYA PREGER.
16 JONATHAN GARBER. JOSEPH MAIZLISH, MILO PEINEMANN. MARLENE
17 RADER. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

18

19 **SOFYA PREGER:** MY NAME IS SOFYA PREGER. I'M ALSO FORMER FOSTER
20 YOUTH. SPEAKING TO THE GENTLEMAN THAT WALKED DOWN SKID ROW
21 THAT SAID, "WE CAN'T HELP THESE PEOPLE, THEY'RE ON DRUGS AND
22 MENTALLY ILL." WELL, YOU'RE WRONG. I WAS ON DRUGS. I HAVE
23 BIPOLAR DISORDER. I MOST RECENTLY GOT MYSELF A JOB AS A COURT
24 INTERPRETER FOR THE COUNTY CLERK IN RUSSIAN AND SPANISH. AND
25 THE WAY I'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO THIS BY HAVING MIRACLE WORKERS IN



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1 MY LIFE. SHERRY GOLD WHO WORKS WITH SHEILA KUEHL WAS MY
2 ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER WHEN I WAS A JUVENILE. I HAVE NEVER
3 REOFFENDED. LINDE VON DEFFNER, WHO IS NOW WITH UNION STATION
4 IN PASADENA WAS MY CASEWORKER. SHE SAVED MY LIFE WHEN THEY
5 CAME TO MY HOUSE WHEN THERE WAS LITERALLY 3 FEET OF PAPERWORK
6 ON THE FLOOR BECAUSE SOMEONE STOLE MY IDENTITY WHO WAS
7 ACTUALLY-- I'M A SURVIVOR OF SEXUAL ABUSE AS A CHILD, AND AS
8 WELL AS AN ADULT AT THE HANDS OF PEOPLE WORKING IN MENTAL
9 HEALTH WHO WERE SUPPOSED TO BE THERE TO PROVIDE TREATMENT, NOT
10 TO RETRAUMATIZE PEOPLE. YOUNG ADULTS AND CHILDREN ON THE
11 STREETS ARE ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE. YOU'VE HEARD FROM THESE
12 KIDS. THEY'RE 16. THEY'VE BEEN HOMELESS AT 8. THIS IS NOT
13 RIGHT. WE KEEP BUILDING NEW DEVELOPMENTS WHERE PEOPLE CANNOT
14 AFFORD TO LIVE. EVERYONE WHO IS NATIVE-- I HAVE A FRIEND BEING
15 BOUGHT OUT. THEY SOLD HIS BUILDING. THEY ARE GOING TO DEMOLISH
16 IT AND BUILD CONDOMINIUMS. BUT NOBODY IS BUILDING AFFORDABLE
17 HOUSING AND THE UNITS THEY ARE BUILDING IS NOT ENOUGH TO
18 ADDRESS THE CRISIS. I URGE YOU ALL TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION
19 ANY SORT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE WHATSOEVER. LET THE PUBLIC
20 DECIDE WHAT THEY'RE WILLING TO SACRIFICE IN ORDER TO HELP
21 THOSE THAT HAVE LESS. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES, MA'AM?

24



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1 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS JOSEPH MAIZLISH.
2 THERE WE ARE AGAIN. I SPOKE TO YOU THIS MORNING ABOUT LAND USE
3 AND THERE WAS AGAIN IN EVERY ISSUE THAT APPEARS. SHORT
4 REMINDER. THERE WILL BE A DECLINE IN CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT
5 EXPENSES ALSO WITH THE REGULATED THE USE OF MARIJUANA. I
6 IMAGINE A PARENT WITH A CHILD WHO'S IN SOME KIND OF DRUG
7 TROUBLE FOR ANY DRUG. IF THEY ARE WEALTHY, THEY CAN PAY FOR
8 SOMETHING ON THEIR OWN. IF NOT, THEY MAY HAVE TO TRY TO USE
9 PUBLIC SERVICES. AND THAT BRINGS UP FEAR OF SENDING THEIR
10 YOUTH TO JUVENILE, THEIR FAMILY MEMBER TO JUVENILE HALL. BUT I
11 HAVE A GENERAL POINT HERE. THERE'S SO MANY NEEDS, ESPECIALLY
12 FOR UNSTABLE CHILDHOODS, HOUSING, THE HOMELESS. THERE NEEDS TO
13 BE SOME THINKING BETWEEN EMERGENCY MOMENTS TO GET A
14 SYSTEMATIC, STABLE SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR THE COUNTY AND THE
15 STATE AND ALL THE THINGS YOU NEED TO DO SO THAT YOU DON'T HAVE
16 TO TRADE, SO THAT PEOPLE DON'T SAY HAVE A LOTTERY SO YOU CAN
17 SUPPORT EDUCATION, HAVE THIS SO YOU CAN SUPPORT THAT. A REALLY
18 SYSTEMATIC, THOROUGH GOING, RETHINKING AND DON'T WAIT FOR
19 EMERGENCIES ON WHERE THE WEALTH IS.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

22

23 **MARLENE RADER:** MY NAME IS MARLENE RADER. THANK YOU, MEMBERS OF
24 THE BOARD. I'M HERE TO ADDRESS THE 3-CENT PROPERTY TAX
25 INCREASE. I AM A PROPONENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WHO ARE



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1 HOMELESS THIS IS A SERIOUS ISSUE NATIONWIDE. MY HUSBAND AND I
2 LIVE IN KEGEL CANYON AND WE BOUGHT OUR HOME IN 1997. OUR
3 PROPERTY TAXES INCREASE EACH YEAR. HOWEVER, OUR INCOME HAS
4 DROPPED BY 20 PERCENT. ACCORDINGLY, TO MY CALCULATIONS, AT 3
5 CENTS PER SQUARE FOOT, OUR TAXES WILL INCREASE BY \$1,305. IN
6 ADDITION TO OUR ANNUAL TAX INCREASE. THIS CREATES A HARDSHIP
7 FOR PROPERTY OWNERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE ON FIXED INCOMES. I
8 BELIEVE IN FAIRNESS TO ALL. A QUARTER PERCENT SALES TAX
9 INCREASE SHOULD BE PROPOSED TO THE VOTERS SO THE BURDEN DOES
10 NOT FALL ON THE PROPERTY OWNER. THESE YOUNG CHILDREN WILL
11 NEVER BE ABLE TO BUY A HOME WITH OUR TAX INCREASE. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

14

15 **JONATHAN GARBER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JONATHAN GARBER.
16 THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK HERE AS WELL AS THANK
17 YOU TO THE STAFF MEMBERS THAT PUT TOGETHER THE REPORT ON
18 MARIJUANA. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE MARIJUANA TAX
19 INITIATIVE. HOWEVER, THERE IS A MAJOR ISSUE. THE FACT THAT IT
20 DOESN'T PROVIDE ANYTHING UNTIL WELL INTO 2018 AS IT'S
21 CURRENTLY WRITTEN. THE MAJOR ISSUE IS THAT YOU'VE MADE IT
22 CONTINGENT ON A.M.A. PASSING WHEN WE RECENTLY, THE STATE
23 LEGISLATURE, VERY RECENTLY PASSED M.M.R.S.A. WHICH COMPLETELY
24 REGULATES THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA INDUSTRY AND PROVIDES TAXES
25 THROUGH THE BILL ALREADY AND YOU CAN LEVY FURTHER TAXES. THAT



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1 CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE I MEAN YOU KNOW IF I WERE TO GET A
2 LICENSE, JANUARY AFTER THE NOVEMBER BALLOT, I COULD BE
3 BRINGING YOU GUYS PAYMENTS WITHIN FOUR MONTHS, FIVE MONTHS FOR
4 CULTIVATION OPERATION. DELIVERIES WITHIN 30 DAYS COULD BRING
5 YOU TAX PAYMENTS. SO I THINK THAT THAT'S SOMETHING TO LOOK AT
6 IN REGARDS TO TAXING MARIJUANA WHICH NEEDS TO HAPPEN. I THANK
7 YOU FOR DOING THAT. THAT'S IT.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **JONATHAN GARBER:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MILO PEINEMANN. BRIAN GAVIN.
14 CHRISTOPHER MCCOY. IS STEVEN B. JOHNSON HERE? YES, GO AHEAD
15 AND COME FORWARD.

16

17 **CHRISTOPHER MCCOY:** THANK YOU FOR LISTENING, BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME'S CHRISTOPHER WARREN MCCOY. SO THAT YOU
19 UNDERSTAND MY BACKGROUND, I SKIPPED THE EIGHTH GRADE BECAUSE I
20 HAD ENOUGH GOOD GRADES. I SCORED OVER 99 PERCENTILE ON ALMOST
21 EVERY PART OF MY P.S.A.T. TEST. I HAVE NEVER BEEN FIRED FOR A
22 JOB AND HAVE EXEMPLARY RESUME AND I'VE BEEN A VOLUNTEER MEDIC
23 AT OCCUPY L.A. I AM CURRENTLY HOMELESS BY CHOICE BECAUSE I END
24 UP BEING A STREET MEDIC TO MAKE SURE THAT MANY OF MY FRIENDS
25 WHO ARE EITHER MENTALLY DISABLED OR DO HARD DRUGS STAY OUT OF



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1 JAIL AND DON'T GET HURT. YOU CAN CHECK ME. I DON'T DO ANY HARD
2 DRUGS OR ANYTHING. I JUST SMOKE MARIJUANA AND HAVE A BEER
3 OCCASIONALLY. AND I JUST LISTEN TO A WHOLE BUNCH OF PEOPLE SIT
4 IN THESE CHAIRS AND TALK ABOUT HOMELESSNESS. AND CORRECT ME IF
5 I'M WRONG, BUT I THINK I'M THE ONLY PERSON IN THIS ROOM WHO
6 HASN'T SHOWERED IN MONTHS. HAS ANYBODY ELSE?

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER.

9

10 **CHRISTOPHER MCCOY:** I'M SAYING PLEASE TAKE CARE OF IT BUT THE
11 THING IS YOU REALIZE PEOPLE WHO--

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SIR?

14

15 **BRIAN GAVIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS BRIAN GAVIN. I'M HERE
16 TO ADDRESS THE SQUARE FOOTAGE SALES TAX OR PROPERTY TAX. IT
17 ONLY TARGETING PROPERTY OWNERS AND THAT'S NOT FAIR BECAUSE
18 HOMELESSNESS IS A PROBLEM FOR ALL OF L.A. COUNTY. IT RESTRICTS
19 THE DREAM OF HOME OWNERSHIP. WE'RE ABOUT TO BE TAXED OUT OF
20 OUR HOME IF THIS PASSES. I BOUGHT A PIECE OF PROPERTY, MY
21 HUSBAND AND I, THAT NOBODY ELSE WANTED. IT'S 12 ACRES. IT IS
22 NEIGHBORING AN OPEN AIR GUN RANGE. THE NOISE IS HORRIBLE. AND
23 IF THIS PASSES, MY PROPERTY TAXES ARE GOING TO GO UP \$20,000
24 PER YEAR. NO ONE CAN HANDLE THAT. NO ONE CAN COME UP WITH AN
25 ADDITIONAL \$20,000 JUST BECAUSE SOMEBODY SAID THAT NOW'S THE



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1 TIME TO PAY THAT. I NOTICE THAT YOUR PRESENTATION DIDN'T BRING
2 INTO EFFECT WHAT THE RESULT OF THAT TAX WOULD BE ON PROPERTY
3 OWNERS. IT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED. THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO DO
4 IT. WE WERE HIT WITH A FIRE TAX RECENTLY. AND THAT'S GOING UP.
5 IT'S NOT CALLED A TAX. IT'S CALLED A FEE. PROP 33 WAS PASSED
6 TO PROTECT US FROM THIS AND YOU'RE TRYING TO USURP THE LAW.
7 THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. MR. JOHNSON? YOU WANTED TO
10 SPEAK? READ A LETTER ON BEHALF OF THE SHERIFF?

11

12 **STEVEN JOHNSON:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR SOLIS AND
13 DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
14 STEVEN JOHNSON. I AM HERE AS THE DIVISION CHIEF OF THE
15 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPRESENTING SHERIFF MCDONNELL. AND I
16 REPRESENT THE EAST PATROL DIVISION. SHERIFF MCDONNELL ASKED ME
17 TO READ A LETTER TO THE DISTINGUISHED AND HONORABLE MEMBERS OF
18 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING THE ISSUE THAT YOU
19 CURRENTLY HAVE BEFORE YOU. "DEAR SUPERVISORS, WE ARE
20 EXPERIENCING A SEVERE HOMELESSNESS PROBLEM STATEWIDE AND LOS
21 ANGELES COUNTY'S HOMELESS POPULATION CONTINUES TO GROW AT AN
22 ALARMING RATE. ACCORDING TO THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES
23 AUTHORITY, THE OVERALL NUMBER OF HOMELESS PEOPLE ON ANY GIVEN
24 NIGHT IN THE COUNTY INCREASED TO 46,874 IN 2016 WHICH IS 19
25 PERCENT MORE THAN 2013. THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS PEOPLE LIVING



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1 IN ENCAMPMENTS, TENTS AND VEHICLES INCREASED A STAGGERING 123
2 PERCENT DURING THE SAME PERIOD. THE SITUATION IS DIRE AND
3 THREATENS THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND QUALITY OF LIFE OF INDIVIDUALS
4 THROUGHOUT OUR REGION. IT IS EXTREMELY SAD THAT LOS ANGELES
5 COUNTY, ONE OF THE LARGEST ECONOMIES IN THE WORLD, HAS THIS
6 MANY HUMAN BEINGS LIVING ON THE STREETS. WE MUST TAKE ACTION
7 TO PROVIDE DECENT HOUSING AND RESTORE DIGNITY TO THOSE FORCED
8 TO LIVE IN SUCH UNSAFE AND DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS. HOWEVER, I
9 AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA AND
10 THEREFORE ANY INITIATIVE THAT PROPOSES TAXATION OF IT AS A
11 PRUDENT STRATEGY TO MITIGATE AND PREVENT HOMELESSNESS. I URGE
12 YOUR BOARD'S LEADERSHIP IN IDENTIFYING AN ALTERNATIVE FUNDING
13 SOURCE IN ORDER TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THIS CRISIS. SINCERELY,
14 JIM MCDONNELL, SHERIFF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY."

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE JERRY NEUMAN.
17 HARVEY SHELLS. NATALIE KOMURO. TIA DOBI TIM KORNAGAY.

18

19 **HARVEY SHELLS:** YES, MY NAME IS HARVEY SHELLS I'M UNITED STATES
20 VETERAN, IN UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS. I'D ALSO LIKE TO SAY
21 YOU'RE ALL WRONG, SIR. I DO HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS. ALSO HAVE
22 BEEN ON DRUGS. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT I WOULD BE SITTING HERE
23 TODAY AS A STATE ADVOCATE FOR HOMELESSNESS AND ALSO A DRUG
24 COUNSELOR THAT'S REGISTERED, ABOUT TO BE CERTIFIED. ALSO IF IT
25 HAD NOT BEEN FOR ME BEEN HAVING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, I WOULD



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1 NOT BE HOUSED. YOU WOULD HAVE TO REHOUSE ME AGAIN. BUT DUE TO
2 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, I'M ABLE TO STAY HOUSED AND YOU DON'T HAVE
3 TO REHOUSE ME AGAIN, WHICH WILL HELP US END THE HOMELESS
4 SITUATION WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE TO REHOUSE A PERSON AGAIN ONCE
5 THEY ARE HOUSED. AND SUPPORT THE QUARTER CENT SALES TAX. I
6 THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT WOULD HELP US NOW NOT SOMETHING THAT
7 WOULD HELP US LATER. WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE ANY MEASURE THAT YOU
8 GUYS CAN SUPPORT IN HELPING END HOMELESSNESS WITH CONTINUED
9 SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

12

13 **JERRY NEUMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS JERRY NEUMAN. HELLO
14 PRESIDENT SOLIS AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I HAVE THE
15 PRIVILEGE AND HONOR OF SERVING ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF BOTH
16 THE L.A. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS WELL AS THE UNITED WAY AND
17 BEING CHAIR OF HOME FOR GOOD AND THE BUSINESS LEADERS
18 TASKFORCE ON HOMELESSNESS. WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE TIME
19 AND EFFORT YOU'VE TAKEN IN RECOGNIZING HOMELESSNESS AS A
20 CRITICAL ISSUE FACING OUR COUNTY TODAY. WHILE WE APPRECIATE
21 AND RECOGNIZE AND ACTUALLY SUPPORT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S
22 NOTION THAT WE NEED TO LOOK WITHIN THE COUNTY BUDGET FOR GREAT
23 RESOURCES THAT WILL HELP SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF HOMELESSNESS
24 TODAY, WE THINK THAT THAT MAY NOT BE ENOUGH. WE HAVE LOOKED AT
25 THE BUDGET. AND WHAT WE BELIEVE IS THE CRISIS IS TODAY AND WE



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1 HAVE TO HAVE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO ATTACK THE PROBLEM AS IT
2 EXISTS. THE ONLY WAY TO DO THAT AND THE BEST WAY TO DO THAT IS
3 TO SUPPORT THE QUARTER CENT SALES TAX. AND WE ARE URGING YOU
4 TODAY. I AM URGING YOU TODAY TO DO EXACTLY THAT. AND WE HOPE
5 THAT YOU WILL VOTE IN FAVOR OF PLACING A QUARTER CENT SALES
6 TAX ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

9

10 **TIM KORNAGAY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME'S
11 TIM KORNAGAY, I'M HERE AS A RESIDENT OF THIS COUNTY AND AS A
12 PERSON WORKING FOR FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION,
13 L.A. VOICE. I APPRECIATE THE COUNTY'S LEADERSHIP IN PUTTING
14 TOGETHER A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS AND
15 CALLING ON THE STATE TO DECLARE HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY AN
16 EMERGENCY. I PERSONALLY SUPPORT PROVIDING FUNDING TO ADDRESS
17 THIS CRISIS. THEREFORE I URGE MY SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THE
18 OTHER SUPERVISORS REPRESENTING ALL THE IMPACTED DISTRICTS TO
19 VOTE FOR PLACING A MEASURE ON THE BALLOT THIS NOVEMBER SO THAT
20 WE THE VOTERS CAN DECIDE WHETHER TO APPROVE OR NOT A QUARTER
21 CENT SALES TAX THAT WILL PROVIDE FUNDING SO THAT HOMES,
22 ADEQUATE SHELTER AND ACCOMPANYING SERVICES NEEDED ARE PROVIDED
23 TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM LIVING AND DYING ON THE STREETS OF OUR
24 COMMUNITIES. NOW IT'S TIME FOR YOU AS THE BOARD TO ACT. THANK
25 YOU.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

3

4 **TIA DOBI:** HI, I'M TIA DOBI AND I BELIEVE EARLIER I SAW A
5 GENTLEMAN ON THIS SIDE OF THE BENCH HOLDING UP A DOG AND
6 ENCOURAGING US TO ADOPT A DOG. I'D LIKE TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE
7 HERE TONIGHT TO TAKE SOMEONE HOME WITH YOU. ABSOLUTELY. ALSO
8 I'D LIKE TO EMBRACE THE MENTION OF TACKLING THE MENTAL HEALTH
9 ISSUES UNDERLYING HOMELESSNESS. I BELIEVE THAT HOMELESSNESS IN
10 LOS ANGELES IS SIMPLY A MICROCOSM OF THE FAMILY ABANDONMENT
11 AND FAMILY AMPUTATION. AND ALONG THOSE LINES I'D LIKE TO
12 ENCOURAGE MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS TO LOOK INTO CHILDHOOD
13 TRAUMA ISSUES, ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES, C.P.T.S.D.,
14 WHICH IS COMPLEX POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER, AND THE
15 EFFECTS OF SYSTEMIC NARCISSISTIC COMMUNICATION, AS WELL AS I'D
16 LIKE TO EMBRACE WHAT MS. SOLIS SAID ABOUT REGULATING SOME OF
17 THE INSTITUTIONS AND SEEING WHAT REALLY IS GOING ON BEHIND
18 THESE CLOSED DOORS. BY THE WAY, THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NATALIE KOMURO. YOLANDA LICHTMAN
21 GRACE WELTMAN. DORA GALLO. CANDACE CAMPER. VA LECIA ADAMS
22 KELLUM. WELCOME.

23

24 **GRACE WELTMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE
25 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GRACE WELTMAN.



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1 I'M HERE WITH COMMUNITIES IN MOTION BUT ACTUALLY REPRESENTING
2 SEVERAL OF MY CLIENTS. WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF-- ONE CLIENT IS A
3 SOUTH L.A. HOMELESS, STAY IN FOSTER CARE COLLABORATIVE. WE'VE
4 BEEN WORKING WITH OVER SEVERAL HUNDRED ORGANIZATIONS IN SOUTH
5 L.A. WHO HAVE FOCUSED ON HOMELESS YOUTH ISSUES. THE OTHER
6 ORGANIZATION COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCILS, WHICH IS A COMMUNITY-
7 BASED HEALTH AND POLICY ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION INVOLVING OVER
8 100 ORGANIZATIONS FOCUSED ON HEALTH. WE SUPPORT A MEASURE
9 THAT-- WE WANT THE VOTERS TO BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE
10 ON A MEASURE THAT'S GOING TO END HOMELESSNESS, ADDRESS OUR
11 ISSUES, BUT WE NEED SOMETHING THAT'S TIMELY AND SUSTAINABLE.
12 SO WE SUPPORT THE 1/4 TAX. I ALSO WANT TO SAY, OVER THE PAST
13 MONTH, MY FIRM HAS RECEIVED LOTS OF CALLS FROM DIFFERENT
14 BUSINESSES ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE. A PRIVATE SECURITY
15 CORPORATION IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. A FREIGHT ORGANIZATION IN
16 THE SOUTH BAY. PEOPLE ARE LOOKING FOR SOLUTIONS SO WE URGE YOU
17 TO PUT THIS ON THE BALLOT.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

20

21 **DORA GALLO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DORA GALLO, AND I'M
22 WITH THE COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS. WE ARE A DEVELOPER AND OPERATOR
23 OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING WITH 36 BUILDINGS IN LOS
24 ANGELES COUNTY IN ALL FIVE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. THIS HAS
25 BEEN A REALLY GREAT DEBATE, A LONG ONE BUT GREAT DEBATE



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1 BECAUSE ULTIMATELY IT'S ALL BEEN ABOUT BRINGING RESOURCES TO
2 BEAR ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS. YOU HAVE MANY GOOD OPTIONS BEFORE
3 YOU TODAY. AND CLEARLY THERE ARE SUPPORTERS ON ALL DIFFERENT
4 OPTIONS. BUT I HAVE TO SAY THAT I'VE BEEN AROUND LONG ENOUGH
5 TO SEE THE IDEAS COME AND GO. THERE'S NEVER BEEN A CONSISTENT
6 REVENUE STREAM TO FUND SERVICES OR HOUSING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE
7 BEEN HOMELESS. SO WHILE THEY ARE ALL GOOD OPTIONS, I HAVE TO
8 SUPPORT THE OPTION THAT GENERATES THE MOST MONEY IN THE
9 QUICKEST WAY POSSIBLE AND ONE WITH A READY ESTABLISHED
10 INFRASTRUCTURE TO ACTUALLY COLLECT THE MONEY, AND THAT IS THE
11 QUARTER CENT SALES TAX. OTHERWISE I FEAR THAT WE MAY ONCE
12 AGAIN BE WAITING FOR YEARS TO SEE ANY RESOURCES COME TO ENDING
13 HOMELESSNESS.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

16

17 **CANDACE CAMPER:** HI, MY NAME IS CANDACE CAMPER. FIRST OF ALL, I
18 WANT TO SAY THAT I AM PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN CITIZEN. I AM
19 THE DAUGHTER OF A VIETNAM VETERAN. I AM CURRENTLY HOMELESS DUE
20 TO HOUSING SUBSIDY CORRUPTION DUE TO THE COUNTY, CITY AND
21 SEVERAL PUBLIC AGENCIES THAT WERE MISAPPROPRIATING SUBSIDY
22 HOUSING FUNDING, INCLUDING THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE. I HAVE BEEN
23 UP TO THIS OFFICE, THIS BUILDING EVERY DAY THIS WEEK TRYING TO
24 RESOLVE THIS SITUATION. I ALSO AM AN ADVOCATE BLOGGER AND I
25 WORK DIRECTLY WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND I AM REGISTERED



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1 AS A FEDERAL CONTRACTOR. MY BUSINESS IS CONSUMER ADVOCACY
2 BUSINESS INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATIONS. THE HOMELESS
3 ISSUE IS NOT ONLY A CALIFORNIA ISSUE, IT'S A UNITED STATES
4 ISSUE. I ALSO HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE YOUTH HOMELESS
5 COALITION DIRECTOR, AMY SAWYER, FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW IN
6 REGARDS TO THE HOMELESS SITUATION. IN REGARDS TO THE MEDICAL
7 MARIJUANA, IF WE CAN DEAL WITH THE INTERNATIONAL
8 PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY, WE CAN DEAL WITH TAKING ON THE DRUG
9 SITUATION. AND THE MARIJUANA IS NOT THE PROBLEM DOWN ON SKID
10 ROW. THE SKID ROW PROBLEM IS 85 PERCENT OF SKID ROW ARE BLACK
11 AFRICAN-AMERICANS. AND THE SPICE AND THE FLAKA THAT IS
12 INUNDATED THAT IS COMING FROM OVERSEAS THAT ARE IMPACTING OUR
13 U.S. LANDS. THIS IS A PROBLEM. WE HAVE A BIGGER ISSUE THAT YOU
14 GUYS AREN'T--

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. YES, NEXT SPEAKER?

17

18 **YOLANDA LICHTMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS YOLANDA LICHTMAN,
19 AND I AM A MEMBER OF BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH IN HOLLYWOOD,
20 AND ALSO WE ARE AFFILIATED WITH L.A. VOICE. WE REPRESENT 5,000
21 FAMILIES IN THE AREA OF HOLLYWOOD. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE
22 COUNTY LEADERSHIP IN PUTTING TOGETHER THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
23 TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS. I'M CALLING ON THE STATE TO DECLARE
24 HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY AN EMERGENCY. I PERSONALLY SUPPORT
25 PROVIDING FUNDING TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS. SO WE ARE ALSO IN



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1 FAVOR OF INCREASED ONE QUARTER OF A CENT SALES TAX, THAT WE
2 PROVIDE \$355 MILLION IN FUNDING TO THE HOMES AND SERVICES ARE
3 PROVIDED TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM LIVING AND DYING ON THE
4 STREETS IN THIS COUNTRY OF OURS. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

7

8 **VA LECIA ADAMS KELLUM:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DR. VA LECIA
9 ADAMS KELLUM. I'M PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER.
10 WE PROVIDE SERVICES TO LOW- INCOME AND HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS ON
11 THE WEST SIDE AND ALSO IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES. I WANT TO BRIEFLY
12 SHARE A CONVERSATION THAT I HAD WITH MY DAUGHTER THIS WEEKEND
13 AS WE WERE DRIVING THROUGH TOWN. SHE LOOKED AROUND AND SHE
14 SAID "MOMMY, THERE'S SO MANY HOMELESS." AND KNOWING WHAT I DO,
15 SHE SAID, "YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING." AND WE ALL KNOW SHE'S
16 RIGHT. WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING. I APPLAUD THE BOARD FOR WHAT
17 YOU'VE DONE UP TO THIS POINT. IT'S EXTRAORDINARY. BUT WE NEED
18 TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP. I URGE YOU TO PUT SOMETHING ON THE
19 BALLOT THAT ALLOWS US TO GET THIS DONE AND FULLY ADDRESS
20 HOMELESSNESS WITH THE MAGNITUDE THAT IS NECESSARY WHICH IS THE
21 QUARTER CENT SALES TAX, WE BELIEVE. ALL THE OPTIONS MAKE
22 SENSE, PERHAPS. BUT WE BELIEVE THAT ONE WILL REALLY BRING IT
23 ON IN A WAY THAT THIS PROBLEM MUST BE ADDRESSED. WE THANK YOU
24 SO MUCH.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NATALIE KOMURA. HYPEIN IM.
2 BRADEN HAMMER. BLAIR BESTON. MARIE RUMSEY. BYRON SMITH SR. GO
3 AHEAD.

4

5 **REBA STEVENS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. REBA STEVENS, FORMERLY HOMELESS
6 PERSON. ACTIVE MEMBER OF EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS, MENTAL HEALTH
7 AND HOMELESS COMMITTEE. WITH L.A.H.S.A., I WAS ONE OF THE
8 MEMBERS OF THE FOCUS GROUP. NOW CURRENTLY A HOMELESS ADVISORY
9 BOARD. I'M ALSO ONE OF THE CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVES ON THE
10 INTEGRATION ADVISORY BOARD AND I HAVE FOUR PENNIES. I'M READY
11 TO PAY SOME RIGHT NOW. SO I'M IN WITH THIS. I SUPPORT THE
12 SALES TAX. DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S INTERESTING IS AS A FORMERLY
13 HOMELESS PERSON, I HAVE FAMILY RIGHT NOW THAT ARE HOMELESS IN
14 BOYLE HEIGHTS. AND IT REALLY HURTS ME THAT I CAN'T REACH OUT
15 AND HELP THEM. AND SO I ALSO HAVE A VERY DEAR FRIEND IN
16 ANTELOPE VALLEY WHO RIGHT NOW IS HURTING, HURTING AS A RESULT
17 OF BEING HOMELESS. AND I'M ASKING YOU TO SUPPORT THIS BECAUSE
18 THIS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

21

22 **BRADEN HAMMER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I'M BRADEN HAMMER
23 WITH S.R.O. HOUSING CORPORATION. JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
24 YOUR LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO THIS ISSUE. I WANT TO STATE
25 PERSONALLY, MY LOVE FOR LOS ANGELES IS PROFOUND, BUT FOR YEARS



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1 NOW THAT LOVE HAS BEEN TINGED WITH SHAME THAT WE AS A
2 COMMUNITY HAVE LET THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS GO ON SO LONG AND
3 GET SO BAD. WE'RE BETTER THAN THAT. NOW A MEASURE OF HOPE
4 ARRIVES. WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A MAJOR STEP TOWARD
5 ENDING THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS IN LOS ANGELES. IT WON'T END
6 OVERNIGHT. THERE'LL BE A LOT OF WORK TO DO, BUT THIS MAJOR
7 VITAL STEP IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. SO WE ASK YOU, PLEASE
8 CHOOSE THE MOST ROBUST AND IMMEDIATE REVENUE SOURCE TO FUND
9 THE MAJOR HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE. I AGREE WITH THE SEVERAL
10 SPEAKERS BEFORE ME THAT THE QUARTER CENT GENERAL SALES TAX
11 LOOKS LIKE THE BEST BET. PUT IT ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT AND LET
12 THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROVE THAT WE ARE REALLY IN
13 THIS TOGETHER AND LET'S GET TO WORK. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

16

17 **MARIE RUMSEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS MARIE RUMSEY AND I'M
18 HERE ON BEHALF OF THE CENTRAL CITY ASSOCIATION. I'D LIKE TO
19 THANK YOU TOO FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN TACKLING THE HOMELESS
20 CRISIS. RECENTLY, THE CITY MOVED FORWARD WITH PLACING A
21 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT THAT WILL
22 SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING,
23 TEMPORARY SHELTERS, STORAGE FACILITIES AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
24 NOW WE NEED THE COUNTY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A PROPOSITION THAT
25 WOULD BRING NEW RESOURCES TO BOLSTER HOMELESS SERVICES,



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1 INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF RECUPERATIVE BEDS, CHILD INREACH
2 PROGRAMS, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
3 COUNSELING. WE NEED THIS FUNDING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. A LOT OF
4 MEMBERS DO HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT A 9.75 PERCENT SALES TAX WE DO
5 BELIEVE IT IS THE BEST OPTION FOR THE COUNTY TO PURSUE. IT
6 PROVIDES THE GREATEST FUNDING AMOUNT AND FLEXIBILITY. IT IS
7 ALSO THE MOST EQUITABLE. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **BLAIR BESTON:** MY NAME IS BLAIR BESTON, AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE
12 DIRECTOR OF HISTORIC CORE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT. I'M
13 ALSO A SINGLE MOM AND A RESIDENT OF DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. AND
14 I AGREE WITH THE MORAL IMPERATIVE TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS. SO
15 THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO LOOK FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND
16 KEEPING SOLUTIONS A PRIORITY. I SUPPORT THE SALES TAX, BUT
17 FAITH DOES NEED TO BE RESTORED. MANY OF US VOTED FOR PROP 63
18 THINKING OUR MOST VULNERABLE MENTALLY ILL WOULD GET THE HELP
19 THAT THEY NEED. YEARS LATER WE HAVE AN OPEN AIR ASYLUM IN
20 DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. ADDICTION AND CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS
21 HAVE RAVAGED OUR COMMUNITIES. HOMELESSNESS IS ON THE RISE. WE
22 MUST HAVE PROFOUND OVERSIGHT OF THESE FUNDS TO ASSURE US THAT
23 THERE WILL BE VISIBLE RESULTS. MENTAL HEALTH COUNTYWIDE.
24 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS, FACILITIES, SHELTER NOW, PROPER AND REAL
25 CASE MANAGEMENT, DETOX AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS. I'M TRYING TO



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1 HELP INDIVIDUALS RIGHT NOW THROUGH THE PROCESS, AND THE SAFETY
2 NETS THAT THEY NEED JUST AREN'T THERE. THIS NEEDS TO BE AN
3 EXERCISE IN MARKETING. A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN TERMS OF POLICY
4 NEEDS CONCENTRATED RESOURCES TOWARDS IMMEDIATE OPTIONS FOR
5 THOSE LIVING ON THE STREET. DOING SO WOULD RESTORE COMMUNITY
6 MEMBERS' FAITH THAT THEIR MONEY IS ACTUALLY MAKING A
7 DIFFERENCE. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. WE HAVE BYRON SMITH.
10 ZACHARY COIL. PAM LAVEAU. ARNOLD SACHS. JENNIFER BLANNON. GO
11 AHEAD, MA'AM.

12

13 **JENNIFER BLANNON:** MY NAME IS JENNIFER BLANNON. GOOD AFTERNOON,
14 SUPERVISORS. I'M A VOTING RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
15 ANGELES. I'M A MEMBER OF HOLMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. I
16 PARTICIPATE IN OUR SOCIAL ACTION ADVOCACY MINISTRY, WHICH WE
17 CALL S.A.M., AND I'M A MEMBER OF L.A. VOICE. LET IT BE KNOWN
18 TODAY THAT WE APPRECIATE THE COUNTY'S LEADERSHIP ON ADDRESSING
19 HOMELESSNESS AND YOUR SUPPORT IN DECLARING HOMELESSNESS AS AN
20 EMERGENCY SITUATION. WE URGE YOU TODAY TO VOTE TO PLACE A
21 MEASURE ON THE BALLOT THIS NOVEMBER SO THAT WE THE VOTERS MAY
22 DECIDE TO APPROVE THE 1/4 CENT SALES TAX WHICH WILL PROVIDE
23 \$355 MILLION IN FUNDING TO HOUSE THE HOMELESS AND PREVENT
24 PEOPLE FROM LIVING AND DYING ON THE STREET. THERE ARE WOMEN
25 AND CHILDREN RIGHT NOW THAT ARE IN CRISIS CONDITIONS. WE



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1 APPRECIATE YOUR SENSE OF URGENCY. WE APPRECIATE YOUR FAVORABLE
2 ACTIONS IN THIS MATTER. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

5

6 **ZACHARY COIL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ZACHARY COIL. I WORK
7 AT ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER WHERE I'M A LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL
8 WORKER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME THIS AFTERNOON,
9 SUPERVISORS. I'VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITH
10 CHRONICALLY HOMELESS AND MENTALLY ILL SINGLE MEN AND FEMALES
11 FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS IN THE VENICE AREA. I'VE HAD THE
12 IMMENSE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING IN SEVERAL PILOT PROJECTS, FUNDED
13 THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, WITH THE GENEROUS
14 SUPPORT OF OUR SUPERVISORS' OFFICE AND I'VE SEEN THE
15 TREMENDOUS IMPACT THAT THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT HAS HAD
16 ON SERVICE PROVISION AND PERMANENT HOUSING SOLUTIONS. I'M HERE
17 TO VOICE MY LOUD AND VOCIFEROUS SUPPORT FOR PERMANENT FUNDING,
18 FOR PERMANENT SOLUTIONS. WE KNOW IT WORKS PROVIDING PERMANENT
19 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING COUPLED WITH SPECIALIZED MENTAL HEALTH
20 SERVICES ALONG WITH FIELD-BASED MEDICAL AND PSYCHIATRIC
21 SERVICES FOR CLIENTS THAT NEED IT. I'VE SEEN FIRSTHAND THE
22 DIFFERENCE OUR MENTAL HEALTH INTERVENTIONS CAN MAKE IN THE
23 LIVES OF SOME OF OUR COMMUNITY'S MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS.

24



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1 **PAMELA LAVEAU:** HI, I'M PAMELA LEVEAU. I'M HONORED AND
2 PRIVILEGED TO BE HERE TODAY. I'M ONE OF THOSE THAT ZACK WORKED
3 WITH. I'M MENTALLY ILL, AND COULDN'T HOLD A CONVERSATION. I
4 GOT INTO THE OUTREACH PROGRAM OF MENTAL HEALTHCARE FROM
5 EDELMAN. AND INTO THE V.C.H.I.P. PROGRAM BECAUSE I WAS-- I'M
6 SCHIZOPHRENIC, AND I WAS SLEEPING IN DOORWAYS. THEY GOT ME OUT
7 OF THAT INTO HOUSING. I'VE BEEN IN IT FOUR YEARS. AND I'VE
8 BEEN ABLE TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. I VOLUNTEER AT THE
9 FOOD PANTRY. I HAVE SEVERAL PANELS. THEY BROUGHT ME TO THE
10 HOSPITAL WHERE I BRING A.A. MEETINGS IN. AND I SUPPORT THE
11 SALES TAX TO HELP WITH THE INTENSIVE MENTALLY ILL HOMELESS
12 ISSUE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MA'AM.

15

16 **PAMELA LAVEAU:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ARNOLD SACHS.

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
21 THERE'S SO MUCH TO TALK ABOUT HERE, BUT ONLY HAVE A MINUTE.
22 VERY IMPORTANT HERE TO UNDERSTAND THE COUNTY'S INITIATIVES
23 HERE. THIS CONVERSATION STARTED OFF AS THE STUDY OF CAUSE AND
24 EFFECTS FOR HOMELESSNESS, BUT NOT ACTUALLY ENDING, PROVIDING
25 HOMES. SO IF YOU LOOK TODAY'S AGENDA, YOU WILL SEE ITEM NO. 7



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1 THE REDEVELOPMENT OF 125 ACRES OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY. SO IF
2 YOU WANT PROOF OF WHERE YOUR MONEY'S GOING TO GO, FIND OUT
3 WHAT THE COUNTY'S PLANS ARE FOR THE 125 ACRES. SOMEBODY GOT UP
4 HERE AND TALKED ABOUT BUILDING 117 NEW HOMES IN L.A. COUNTY.
5 IF THEY DID 100 TIMES THAT, THAT WOULD BE 11,700 HOMES. IT
6 WOULDN'T EVEN ADDRESS 25 PERCENT OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION.
7 MORE IMPORTANT, THE MORAL IMPERATIVE THAT WE HEAR ABOUT,
8 SHERIFF'S REPORT 20 PERCENT HOMELESS PEOPLE INCREASE SO WHEN
9 THERE WERE 38,000 HOMELESS PEOPLE IT WASN'T A MORAL
10 IMPERATIVE. BACK THE MARIJUANA INITIATIVE, WILL THERE BE SEEDS
11 LIKE HEIRLOOM TOMATOES?

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ERIC PREVEN. JESSICA NOEL. GLENFORD
14 FELIX. REBA STEVENS.

15

16 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.
17 AND I APPRECIATE WHAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS TRYING TO
18 DO, WHICH IS TO GET ANY KIND OF SUSTAINABLE MONEY. I'M NOT
19 EXCITED ABOUT TAXING THE SICK AND DYING ON THE MARIJUANA. I
20 THINK THE TIMING BEING WHAT IT IS AND THE DELAYS ON ALL THE
21 MARIJUANA TAXES, WHICH I THINK IT SHOULD BE REGULATED AND NOT
22 HEAVILY REGULATED, NOT HEAVILY TAXED BUT IT SHOULD BE. BUT
23 THAT'S NOT GOING TO SOLVE OUR PROBLEM. I WOULD FAVOR THE
24 QUARTER CENT TAX BECAUSE I THINK THE HOMELESS POPULATION LOS
25 ANGELES HAS BEEN SUFFERING FOR A VERY LONG TIME. WE HAVE BEEN



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1 TRYING BUT WE HAVE NO SOLUTION THAT IS HAPPENING NOW. WE NEED
2 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR THIS POPULATION WHO ARE MOST
3 IN NEED. I BELIEVE THE QUARTER CENT TAX THAT WILL YIELD
4 SOMETHING LIKE \$355 MILLION IS THE MOST EXPEDIENT WAY TO DO
5 THAT. AND THAT'S WHAT I WOULD RECOMMEND. I KNOW IT FIGHTS THE
6 TRANSPORTATION TAX, AS WELL. BUT IF WE CAN GET THEM BOTH, THEN
7 THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

10

11 **GLENFORD FELIX:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
12 GLENFORD FELIX I'M A MEMBER OF HOLMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
13 AND L.A. VOICE. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE QUARTER CENT
14 TAX AND ALSO TO DECLARE HOMELESSNESS AS A STATE OF EMERGENCY.
15 ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS WILL MAKE OUR COMMUNITY SAFER, NOT
16 ONLY SAFER FROM THE CRIME AND VIOLENCE BUT ALSO FROM THE MANY
17 HEALTH RISKS THAT THREATEN OUR COMMUNITY. I URGE BOARD MEMBERS
18 TO VOTE FOR PLACING THESE MEASURES ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT SO
19 THAT VOTERS CAN DECIDE WHETHER TO APPROVE OR NOT. THANK YOU
20 VERY MUCH.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, MA'AM.

23

24 **JESSICA NOEL:** HI, MY NAME IS JESSICA NOEL AND I AM A POLICY
25 FELLOW WITH THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND OF CALIFORNIA. AND I'M



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1 ALSO A GRADUATE STUDENT AT U.C.L.A. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD
2 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OF US TO SPEAK ON SUCH AN
3 IMPORTANT ISSUE. I'M HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT THE QUARTER CENT
4 SALES TAX BECAUSE IT WILL PROVIDE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT IN
5 ADDRESSING SUCH AN IMPORTANT NEED IN LOS ANGELES. I GREW UP IN
6 SAN DIEGO. I LIVED FOR YEARS AND WORKED FOR YEARS IN DALLAS,
7 TEXAS AND NOW I LIVE IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES AND ON THE WEST
8 SIDE. I CAN SAY WITH ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY THAT I HAVE NEVER SEEN
9 AS MUCH DESPAIR, PURE DESPERATION AS I'VE SEEN IN THE PAST
10 SEVERAL WEEKS IN THE STREETS OF DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. VOTERS
11 DESERVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE EMPOWERED TO CHOOSE AN
12 ALTERNATIVE THAT MAKES OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR COUNTY A SAFER,
13 MORE EQUITABLE, HEALTHIER PLACE FOR OUR CHILDREN TO LIVE AND
14 TO LEARN AND TO LAUGH AND TO PLAY. PLEASE GIVE THEM THAT
15 OPPORTUNITY.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MICHAEL LONG. JOANNA BERG. LARON CUE.
18 CHRIS KO. HAL LEWIS. SHAMAIAH MANRIQUEZ. GO AHEAD.

19

20 **JOANNA BERG:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS JOANNA. AND I'M
21 HERE, I'M IN FAVOR OF THE TAX ON CANNABIS. I THINK IT'S THE
22 ONLY WAY TO ENSURE THAT OUR COMMUNITIES ARE SAFE, THAT WE
23 REGULATE CANNABIS AND THAT WE TAX IT, PARTICULARLY IF WE CAN
24 USE IT TO HELP OUR HOMELESS POPULATION. THAT'S A VERY SERIOUS
25 ISSUE. ALSO I BELIEVE THAT THE PUBLIC WILL BE MORE OPEN TO



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1 TAXING SOMETHING NEW AND USING THAT AS A SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR
2 A REAL PROBLEM THAN TAXING THEM ADDITIONALLY ON TOP OF OUR
3 ALREADY HIGH SALES TAX. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU MUCH.

6

7 **MICHAEL LONG:** THANK YOU AND GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MICHAEL
8 LONG. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR SHOWING TRUE INNOVATION IN
9 YOUR PROPOSAL TO TAX CANNABIS AS A SOLUTION TO THE HOMELESS
10 CRISIS. AS A POTENTIAL CANNABIS BUSINESS OWNER, IT WOULD BE A
11 POINT OF PRIDE TO KNOW THAT MY BUSINESS CAN DIRECTLY SUPPORT
12 AND HELP THE PUBLIC AND THE HOMELESS. I LOOK FORWARD TO
13 SUPPORTING YOUR EFFORTS AND PURSUING A TAX THAT CAN HELP
14 HOMELESS AND ALL OUR COMMUNITY.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

17

18 **CHRIS KO:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, CHRIS KO, DIRECTOR AT THE UNITED
19 WAY. SUPERVISORS, I BEG YOU TO NOT LET US GET TO NOVEMBER
20 WITHOUT AN OPTION FOR VOTERS TO VOTE ON THE SINGLE ISSUE THEY
21 CONSISTENTLY SAY IS THEIR HIGHEST PRIORITY. THE TIME IS RIGHT.
22 OVER THE LAST DECADE AND 10 YEARS WE'VE HAD PILOTS THEN WE'VE
23 HAD A PLAN, THEN WE'VE HAD COORDINATED SYSTEMS TO DELIVER
24 SERVICES. NOW WE HAVE CITY AND COUNTY STRATEGIES AND NOW WE
25 NEED THE RESOURCES AND YOUR LEADERSHIP TO ACT IN THIS



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1 EMERGENCY. WE DESPERATELY NEED AN OPTION THAT GIVES US AS MUCH
2 AS POSSIBLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THEIR LIVES ARE LITERALLY ON
3 THE LINE. NEARLY 1500 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN GO UNCLAIMED
4 FROM THE CORONER'S OFFICE AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR KNABE ATTENDS
5 THE SERVICE. PLEASE HELP US GET RID OF THAT MEMORIAL SERVICE,
6 BRING THAT NUMBER TO ZERO. THE COUNTY HAS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
7 WITH SPECIFIC COST ESTIMATES, BUT WITHOUT SUFFICIENT RESOURCES
8 WE WILL CONTINUE HAVE TO PICK AND PRIORITIZE BETWEEN
9 POPULATIONS AND INTERVENTIONS. SO PLEASE LET OUR VOTERS DECIDE
10 ON AN OPTION THAT HELPS US SUPPORT ALL OF OUR HOMELESS
11 NEIGHBORS. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, SIR.

14

15 **HAL LEWIS:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS HAL LEWIS AND I
16 REPRESENT A NONPROFIT MUTUAL BENEFIT COURT THAT OPERATES UNDER
17 STATE GUIDELINES. WE WORK MOSTLY WITH RETIREES IN THE MOTION
18 PICTURE INDUSTRY. I'M A RETIRED JUDGE AND RETIRED SENATOR. I
19 APPLAUD THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR COMING UP WITH A VIABLE
20 OPTION TO HELP THE HOMELESS SITUATION AND TO USE MONEY FROM A
21 TAX ON CANNABIS TO HELP IN THIS SITUATION. WE TOOK A POLL OF
22 OUR MEMBERS, AND I STAND BEFORE YOU TO LET YOU KNOW THAT 99
23 PERCENT OF OUR MEMBERS ARE IN FAVOR OF A TAX TO HELP WITH
24 HOMELESS SITUATION, WRAPAROUND SERVICES AND TO LIFT THE BAN.
25 ON A PERSONAL NOTE, I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE A QUICK EXPERIENCE.



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1 MY DAUGHTER DEALT WITH MENTAL ILLNESS ISSUES AS A TEENAGER.
2 SHE WAS ON THE STREETS HERE IN LOS ANGELES. AND THANKS TO
3 WRAP-AROUND SERVICES, SHE'S NOW LIVING A PRODUCTIVE LIFE. SHE
4 IS A WONDERFUL MOTHER TO A 1-1/2-YEAR-OLD AND CONTRIBUTING TO
5 SOCIETY BY WORKING WITH AT RISK YOUTH AND DEVELOPING ART
6 PROGRAMS FOR THESE CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS. AGAIN I STAND IN
7 FRONT OF THE BOARD AND ASK YOU TO LIFT THE BAN FOR THE PEOPLE
8 OF THIS GREAT CITY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JOSEPH VILLELA. ALEXIS
11 DANGELO. PETER HERZOG. BRANDON MATSON. MIGUEL FLORENCIO.
12 ZONDRE JOHNSON. DANIEL GARCIA. FRANK IBARRA? GO AHEAD, MA'AM.
13 STATE YOUR NAME.

14

15 **ALEXIS DANGELO:** HI, MY NAME IS ALEXIS DANGELO. I'M A
16 HEALTHCARE PROVIDER, A PROFESSIONAL, AS WELL AS A MEDICAL
17 MARIJUANA DISPENSARY OWNER. I AM ALSO A HUGE PROPONENT OF BIG
18 PHARMA, PHARMACEUTICAL LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP FOR PROGRAMS. SO I
19 THINK THERE IS A CORRELATION BETWEEN THE HOMELESS ISSUE AND
20 ALSO THE PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES AS WELL AS NOT HAVING
21 ALTERNATIVE TO ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE. WITH THAT SAID, I AM
22 WHOLEHEARTEDLY IN SUPPORT OF TAXING MEDICAL MARIJUANA. IF IT
23 DOES HELP THE OVERALL CAUSE, WHICH IS PROVIDING HEALTHCARE,
24 ALTERNATIVE HEALTHCARE FOR OUR PATIENTS AND HELPING THE
25 HOMELESS. SO THANK YOU. GOOD JOB.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

3

4 **ZONDRE JOHNSON:** HELLO MY NAME IS ZONDRE JOHNSON. THANK YOU
5 GUYS FOR BEING SO PATIENT TO HEAR ME TALK. I JUST WANT TO SAY
6 I AM AWARE WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT. AND I AM FOR IT. I WAS
7 HOMELESS FOR TWO DECADES AND IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE SERVICES
8 THAT WERE PROVIDED FOR ME AT THAT TIME I WAS ABLE TO GET
9 HOUSING. AND NOW I'M IN SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. I'M IN THE HOLT
10 SENIOR VILLA. I'VE BEEN THERE ALMOST FOUR YEARS. AND BECAUSE
11 OF IT, ALL THE SERVICES THAT WERE PROVIDE FOR ME, FROM ANGER
12 MANAGEMENT TO WHATEVER, I'M A PRODUCTIVE ANGELINO AND I'M A
13 SPEAKER ADVOCATE. AND I GO TO WASHINGTON. AND I TALK TO BOARD
14 OF SUPERVISORS AND I'M VERY HAPPY. SO I WANT TO SHARE THIS
15 HAPPINESS WITH OTHER INDIVIDUALS BECAUSE I KNOW IT CAN BE
16 DONE. NOW HOW YOU DO IT I DON'T KNOW. I'M JUST A HUMAN BEING.
17 I DON'T HAVE A GREAT A LOT OF TITLES BUT I'M JUST A HUMAN
18 BEING. I KNOW IT CAN BE DONE.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY NICE. THANK YOU.

21

22 **FRANK IBARRA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS FRANK IBARRA. AND I SUPPORT
23 THE QUARTER CENT SALES TAX OPTION FOR THE HOMELESS SERVICES.
24 THE SALES TAX WOULD BE-- WOULD NOT BE A RISK TO THE CITIZENS
25 OF THIS COUNTY. IT WOULD BE AN INVESTMENT. IT WOULD GIVE THE



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1 TAXPAYERS MORE BANG FOR THEIR BUCK. THE HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE
2 HUMANS. THE 16-YEAR-OLD GIRL THAT WAS UP EARLIER BEFORE US,
3 HER STORY, THERE'S THOUSANDS OF STORIES LIKE THAT. I AGAIN ASK
4 YOU TO VOTE FOR TODAY FOR THE QUARTER CENT SALES TAX FOR THE
5 HOMELESSNESS SERVICES. THANK YOU. AND DON KNABE, YOU'RE THE
6 BEST.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER. YES, SIR. YOUR NAME?

9

10 **DANIEL GARCIA:** HI, MY NAME IS DANIEL GARCIA. I'M A PERSON WITH
11 A DISABILITY AND I LIKE TO HELP MY COMMUNITY. I SUPPORT THE
12 MILLIONS FROM THE SALES TAX AND THE MARIJUANA TAXES. BUT I
13 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU HEAR ME WELL. BECAUSE IF YOU DO
14 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, YOU MUST HAVE ACCESSIBLE HOUSING. THESE
15 TWO HAVE TO BE COMBINED [INAUDIBLE]. HOW CAN WE TALK ABOUT
16 AFFORDABLE WITHOUT AFFORDABLE? [INAUDIBLE] TALKING ABOUT
17 AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE HOUSING. SO PLEASE, AFFORDABLE
18 HOUSING WE COULD BUY. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. HILLARY NORTON, JOHN
21 JIMENEZ. NEIL HALTRECHT. AZADEH HOSSEINIAN JAZMYN CARTER. GO
22 AHEAD, MA'AM.

23



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1 **HILLARY NORTON:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. AS THE EXECUTIVE
2 DIRECTOR OF F.A.S.T, FIXING ANGELINOS STUCK IN TRAFFIC, AN
3 L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT, WOMAN, MOTHER AND CHRISTIAN--

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOUR NAME, MA'AM?

6

7 **HILLARY NORTON:** MY NAME IS HILLARY NORTON. I THANK YOU ALL FOR
8 YOUR LEADERSHIP, ESPECIALLY THE LEADERSHIP OF SUPERVISOR MARK
9 RIDLEY-THOMAS TO HOUSE AND PROTECT OUR MOST VULNERABLE
10 POPULATIONS, THE HOMELESS AND THE MENTALLY ILL. I TRULY
11 BELIEVE A QUARTER CENT SALES TAX TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS AND
12 TAX TO ACHIEVE OUR MOBILITY ARE ACHIEVABLE ON THE SAME BALLOT,
13 TO BE SUCCESSFUL AS POLLING SHOWS. HOWEVER I ASK THAT IF
14 POSSIBLE THE COUNTY PLACE THE METRO MEASURE FIRST ON THE
15 BALLOT SO THAT WE MAY VOTE FOR BOTH MOVING BETTER THROUGHOUT
16 THIS COUNTY AND MOVING OUR NEEDY OUT OF HOMELESSNESS. WE CAN
17 SUCCEED TOGETHER ON BEHALF OF A MORE MOBILE, ECONOMICALLY
18 INCLUSIVE, JUST AND HUMANE LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU AND
19 GOD BLESS YOUR DELIBERATIONS TODAY.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

22

23 **NEIL HALTRECHT:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS NEIL HALTRECHT. I
24 AM ON THE BUSINESS LEADERS TASKFORCE PARTNERING WITH UNITED
25 WAY TO END HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'VE HAD ABOUT



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1 A 25 YEAR BUSINESS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, DOING BUSINESS
2 ALL ACROSS THE COUNTY AND MULTIPLE CITIES. I SPENT MOST OF MY
3 CAREER WORKING TO HELP FOUND ARCLIGHT CINEMAS, PACIFIC
4 THEATERS, AND WAS THE PRESIDENT OF ROBERTSON PROPERTIES GROUP,
5 WHICH AT THE TIME WAS THE MOST ACTIVE RETAIL DEVELOPER IN THE
6 COUNTY. I CAN TELL YOU FROM MY EXPERIENCE AS WELL AS THE
7 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RETAIL STATE CHAIRMAN FOR THE
8 INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SHOPPING CENTERS THAT NOT ONLY IS IT
9 HUMANE, NOT ONLY IS IT IMPERATIVE THAT WE ACT FOR THOSE WHO
10 ARE WEAK AND SUFFERING EVERY DAY ON THE STREETS BUT IT'S ALSO
11 GOOD BUSINESS. THERE'S NOT ENOUGH MONEY TO BE FOUND IN THE
12 BUDGET. I'M ALWAYS ONE AS A BUSINESS PERSON TO LOOK IN THE
13 BUDGET. THERE'S NOT ENOUGH MONEY TO BE FOUND IN THE BUDGET AND
14 I URGE YOU STRONGLY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE SALES TAX MOTION
15 TO RAISE THE NEEDED FUNDS TO DO WHAT WE NEED TO DO. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

18

19 **JOHN JIMENEZ:** YEAH, MY NAME IS JOHN JIMENEZ. AND I REMEMBER
20 WHEN THE OTHER SUPERVISORS WERE HERE WHICH IS EDELMAN AND ALSO
21 HAHN AND ALSO SHABARAM. AND THIS SUBJECT CAME UP ABOUT
22 HOMELESS, GANGS. A LOT OF THINGS CAME UP BACK IN THE '70S. AND
23 I BELIEVE ANTONOVICH WAS ALSO IN ONE OF THE SESSIONS A LONG
24 TIME AGO. I'M FROM OPERATION YES. THEY USUALLY CALL ME JUAN
25 JIMENEZ, BUT I'M JOHN JIMENEZ. THE THING IS THAT THE SAME



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1 THING GOING ON I'VE HEARD BEFORE. WE'RE GOING INTO A WORSE
2 THING. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE PROBLEM WITH DRUGS MORE THAN
3 YOU THINK. THIS ISSUE HAS NOT BEEN RESOLVED, IT HAS BEEN PUT
4 UNDER THE CARPET. WE NEED TO DO NEW VISIONS, NEW FINANCING,
5 NEW THINGS AND I HAVE HEARD SO MANY SPEAKERS HERE. AND THEY
6 ALL HAVE BONA FIDE THINGS, BUT THE THING IS NO ONE'S RESOLVED
7 THIS PROBLEM SINCE THE YEARS OF THE '70S. NOW WHEN I HEARD
8 D.P.S.S AS A PART OF WORKING I HAVE HERE A FORM THAT I'M GOING
9 GIVE TO THE DEPUTY TO GIVE TO HILDA SOLIS.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

12

13 **JOHN JIMENEZ:** WE HAVE A COURT ORDER.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, MA'AM.

16

17 **AZADEH HOSSEINIAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS
18 AZADEH HOSSEINIAN. I'M WITH PUBLIC COUNCIL, A NONPROFIT LEGAL
19 SERVICES PROVIDER FOR ALL L.A. COUNTY HOMELESSNESS, AND THE
20 RISK OF HOMELESSNESS IMPACTS THE VAST MAJORITY OF OUR CLIENTS
21 WHETHER THEY ARE IMMIGRANTS, VETERANS, YOUTH, FAMILIES OR
22 INDIVIDUALS. IN FACT WE ARE LITERALLY ASSISTING THOSE WHO
23 RESIDE ALONG THE STREETS OF OUR OFFICE. WE STRONGLY URGE YOU
24 TO SUPPORT A MOTION TO CREATE AN ONGOING ALLOCATION OF FUNDS
25 FOR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND CRITICAL SERVICES FOR



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1 COUNTY RESIDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. FURTHER, THE FOCUS
2 SHOULD BE ON SOURCES SUCH AS THE SALES TAX BUT BEGIN TO
3 GENERATE FUNDS IMMEDIATELY AND WILL NOT REQUIRE EXTENSIVE
4 COORDINATION WITH THE STATE OR LICENSING OR REGULATION OF A
5 NEW INDUSTRY. WE CAN'T AFFORD TO WAIT ANY LONGER TO ADDRESS
6 THIS CRISIS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

9

10 **LARON CUE:** YES, HELLO BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS LARON CUE I
11 REPRESENT MY OWN COMPANY THAT I OWN, KENYA CARES. I JUST
12 WANTED TO THANK YOU GUYS AGAIN FOR EVERYTHING IN YOUR
13 DILIGENCE AND ALL OF THE MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY., BUT
14 OF COURSE, PERTAINING TO THE TAXATION OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES
15 HERE IN L.A. I WILL TRY TO SEND OUT EMAILS TO EACH ONE OF YOU
16 INDIVIDUALLY JUST TO KIND OF GIVE YOU A LITTLE BACKGROUND OF
17 WHAT WE DO. BUT I JUST WANTED TO SPEAK BRIEFLY ON SOME OF THE
18 THAT WERE SAID TODAY. AGAIN WE'RE VERY ENCOURAGED BY THE BOARD
19 MEMBERS WHO ARE HELPING US TO FIND REGULATION AND SOME OF THE
20 ISSUES THAT WE DEFINITELY DO NOT WANT TO SEE HAPPENING. TO
21 ADDRESS SOME OF THE CONCERNS WE HEARD HERE, OF COURSE, MINORS'
22 ACCESS TO USE OF CANNABIS, THINGS OF THAT NATURE. I THINK WE
23 ALL PRETTY MUCH KNOW WHERE WE'RE AT. AGAIN I'M VERY ENCOURAGED
24 BY THE WORDS BY ALL OF YOU TODAY. I APPRECIATE YOU OPENING



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1 DOORS TO US AND HOPE VERY SINCERELY TO BE WORKING WITH YOU
2 VERY SOON IN REGULATING THIS CANNABIS INDUSTRY. OF OURS.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE JAZMYN CARTER.
5 OSCAR MOHAMMAD. HERMAN HERMAN. MR. RED HUNT. MAUREEN ELI
6 KEOWAN. WAYNE FROM ENCINO. GO AHEAD, SIR.

7

8 **OSCAR MOHAMMAD:** YEAH, I OPPOSE MORE MONEY FOR THE HOMELESS.
9 MORE TAXES. MORE GOVERNMENT. MORE HIGHER TAXES. MORE
10 GOVERNMENT, MORE INEQUALITY OF PEOPLE. GOVERNMENT TAKE AWAY
11 THE SELF-ESTEEM FOR THE PEOPLE TO DO SOMETHING FOR THEMSELVES
12 AND MORE CONTROLLING OF THE PEOPLE. BUT ANYWAY, WE SHOULD TRY
13 TO BRIDGE POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY. WE SHOULD TRY TO MAKE MORE
14 SELF MORE RESPONSIBLE, I THINK AMERICA WOULD BE A BETTER
15 COUNTRY. BUT ANYWAY, WE SAY AMERICA IS GREAT, BUT HOW CAN
16 AMERICA BE SO GREAT WHEN WE SO CORRUPT. I READ SOMETIME, I
17 STUDIED A LITTLE BIT, KOREAN. NORTH KOREAN. THEY LEADING THE
18 WORLD IN EDUCATION, NOT IN AMERICA. BUT SOMETHING WRONG WITH
19 THIS PICTURE. WE HAVE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN AMERICA UNDER 60
20 YEARS OLD, DO NOT HAVE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA. AMERICA SHOULD BE
21 REMADE. WE HAVE TO REMAKE AMERICA.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, MA'AM.

24



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1 **MAUREEN KEOWAN:** MY NAME IS MAUREEN ELISA CRANE KEOWAN. I AM
2 THE QUEEN OF PUERTO RICO. AND I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOU TRY A
3 EUROPEAN APPROACH TO THIS HOMELESSNESS. THEY DO ALLOW TAX
4 BENEFIT FOR APARTMENT OWNERS TO PROVIDE 10 TO 12 PERCENT OF
5 THEIR HOUSING TO HOMELESS AND LOW INCOME PEOPLE. AND THEY ARE
6 ALSO ALLOWED TO NOT PAY TAXES AND TO DECLARE A LOSS ON THE
7 REVENUE THAT THEY DO NOT RECEIVE. THIS WAY OUR GHETTOS ARE NOT
8 PROMOTED, AND AREAS WHERE IT IS LOW INCOME DO NOT EXIST
9 BECAUSE IT IS DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THANK YOU FOR
10 YOUR TIME.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. HERMAN HERMAN.

13

14 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SOMEBODY LEFT SOME CHANGE HERE BUT IT WON'T
15 HELP. AS YOU HEARD, OUT OF ALL THE HUNDRED PEOPLE SPEAKING
16 TODAY, THE RESULT OF WHAT WE CALL A CRISIS IS NOT OVER.
17 HOMELESSNESS IS AN ISSUE THAT VIOLATES OUR FIRST AMENDMENT
18 RIGHT. WE SHOULD BE HEARD. YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO THE HEALTH
19 COMMISSION OF L.A. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT. YOU LEARN THINGS FROM
20 THAT. BRANDENBURG V. OHIO, 395. 444. 1969. WHAT STOPS YOU FROM
21 ENGAGING IN OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE IS THE FACT THAT EVERYONE'S
22 POINT TODAY WAS RIGHT ON. TWO DIFFERENT SIDES. TWO DIFFERENT
23 OPINIONS. IN ALL DUE RESPECT, THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR
24 COMMENTS AND HOPEFULLY MISS HILDA SOLIS AND THIS COMMISSION



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1 WILL TAKE EVERY ASPECT OF OUR POINTS SERIOUSLY AND IMPORTANT
2 WITH URGENCY. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

5

6 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** IF YOU CAN TURN MY MIC ON, THANK YOU. THIS IS
7 WHAT INTEGRATIVE RECOVERY NETWORK LOOKS LIKE. A HOUSING
8 PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE. GOSH, I HAD TO STOP BY HERE. I
9 STOP BY HERE. I WANT TO THANK MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR CREATING
10 THIS PROGRAM AND FUNDING THIS PROGRAM BECAUSE EVEN I HAD TO
11 STOP BY AND GOD KNOWS WHERE I WOULD HAVE BEEN WITHOUT THIS
12 PROGRAM. SO THE FUNDING SHOULD BE 5 CENTS INSTEAD OF A QUARTER
13 PERCENT IF YOU ASK ME. HOMELESSNESS SHOULD BE DETOURED IN THE
14 UNITED STATES. IN MY OPINION, DO A 5-CENT TAX BECAUSE PROGRAMS
15 LIKE THIS NEED FUNDING. MARK, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORD. I LOVE
16 YOU, AND YOU GUYS ALL, KEEP THE PROGRAMS. IT TAKES A VILLAGE
17 TO RAISE A CHILD. THAT'S THE AFRICAN PROVERB. SO REMEMBER
18 THAT. IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

21

22 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, SO YOU KEEP TAXING THE SAME PEOPLE. AND
23 NOT CREATING NEW JOBS. YOU CREATE MORE POVERTY. YOU'VE BEEN
24 DOING IT FOR 40 YEARS, 50 YEARS. YOU GOT TO CREATE JOBS TO GET
25 RID OF POVERTY. YOU CAN'T TAX YOUR WAY OUT OF POVERTY. BUT YOU



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1 NEED THIS MONEY BECAUSE YOU'RE BROKE. EVERYTHING YOU DO IS
2 BROKE. EVERYTHING YOU DO FAILS. AND THEN YOU GO AROUND. AND
3 THEN EVENTUALLY SOMEBODY TALKS ABOUT THIS STUFF AND THEN YOU
4 GOT TO ARREST THEM AND PUT THEM THROUGH ALL THIS GARBAGE. AND
5 THEN YOU GOT TO PAY. AND THEN YOU GOT TO GO TO THE TAXPAYERS
6 AND THEN THEY GOT TO PAY. YOU'RE NOT CREATING A [EXPLETIVE]
7 JOB IN THIS COUNTY FOR 24 YEARS. THERE'S BEEN NO POSITIVE
8 GROWTH IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. THAT'S WHAT IT IS. EVERYBODY,
9 RESIGN TODAY.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE SPEAKERS FROM LANCASTER,
12 MICHAEL JENKINS AND DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS.

13

14 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** THIS IS EVANGELIST MICHAEL JENKINS. I'M GOING
15 TO GIVE DR. DIANA WILLIAMS MY TIME.

16

17 **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** HI, THIS IS DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS AND
18 YES I'M STILL AWAKE. IN TERMS OF THIS ISSUE THERE COMPONENTS
19 TO ME. THERE'S PUBLIC HEALTH. THERE'S A PRACTICAL APPROACH.
20 AND THERE'S AGREED. ONE OF THE THINGS I WANTED TO SAY IS THAT
21 I AGREED WITH SOMETHING THAT MICHAEL ANTONOVICH SAID, WHICH
22 SEEMED LIKE IT WAS 12 HOURS AGO. I FIND MANY FLAWS IN THE
23 SURVEY THAT WAS DONE THAT SAID THAT THIS IS GOING TO PASS. I
24 WAS TAUGHT BY ONE OF THE GREATEST SURVEYORS IN THIS AREA AND
25 INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN, DR. EVA BAKER WHO IS ON THE RAND



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1 COMMISSION. I'VE ALSO SERVED ON THOSE \$30,000 SURVEYS THAT R.
2 REX. PARRIS DID WHICH ARE TANTAMOUNT TO WHAT YOU DO ON
3 TELEVISION. AND THERE ARE HOLES IN SAYING THAT PEOPLE ARE
4 GOING TO PASS THIS. I'M NOT GOING TO VOTE FOR IT. AND THE
5 REASON WHY I'M NOT GOING TO VOTE FOR THE SALES TAX IS BECAUSE
6 I BELIEVE IN HELPING THE HOMELESS. BUT BECAUSE IN LANCASTER,
7 WE JUST PASSED. LAST WEEK A TAX FOR THE HOMELESS. MICHAEL
8 ANTONOVICH HAD HIS DISCIPLE, CATHERINE BARGER, BRING UP WHAT I
9 BELIEVE IS A MILLION DOLLARS CHECK AND CORRECT ME IF I'M
10 WRONG, MIKE, FOR HOMELESSNESS. SO THERE WAS MONEY THAT WAS
11 BROUGHT UP TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. NOW YOU'RE TELLING ME TO
12 TAX THIS, TO TAX MYSELF MORE WHEN THERE WERE MANY OTHER ISSUES
13 OUT THERE THAT NEED TO BE TAXED. WHO'S TAXING FOR THE
14 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT LEARNING HOW NOT TO KILL BLACK PEOPLE.
15 WHO'S TAXING FOR SOME OF THE MANY OTHER THINGS THAT ARE GOING
16 ON IN L.A. BUT YOU WANT TO TAX ME JUST FOR THE HOMELESS. THAT
17 DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME. ALL MY MONEY TO THE HOMELESS. NO,
18 I'M NOT VOTING ON IT. NOT HERE AND IN LANCASTER. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON
21 THIS ITEM. SO WE'LL HAVE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE GO AHEAD AND
22 READ OFF EACH INITIATIVE.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, MAY I HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO
25 BE HEARD?



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SURE.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I THINK THE ISSUE FOR
5 ME IS THIS. WE'VE MOVED CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF WORK FORWARD
6 OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS THAT ADDRESSED THE NEED, THE NEED
7 AS ESTABLISHED BY L.A.H.S.A., THE NEED THAT IS ESTABLISHED,
8 THAT IS CORROBORATED BY THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O. IS
9 APPROXIMATELY \$450 MILLION. WE'VE ALSO SAID THERE'S AN
10 EMERGENCY. THE STATE OF EMERGENCY THAT IS PURSUANT TO THE
11 47,000, AN UNPRECEDENTED NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS IN
12 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. BEYOND THAT, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED THE
13 55 PERCENT INCREASE OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS. WOMEN WHO ARE
14 HOMELESS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ACCORDING TO
15 L.A.H.S.A.'S COUNT. WE TALKED ABOUT THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER
16 OF TENTS, A 20 PERCENT INCREASE OVER THE LAST YEAR ALONE. THE
17 ISSUE IS TRENDING IN A WAY THAT IS HUGEY PROBLEMATIC. THE
18 ANTICIPATED DOWNTURN IN THE ECONOMY MAKES THIS EVEN MORE OF A
19 WORRISOME SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES. I SIMPLY WANT TO SAY THAT IT
20 IS URGENT THAT WE ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. I FEEL VERY STRONGLY
21 THAT THIS BOARD HAS SPOKEN TO THIS ISSUE AS A PRIORITY, THAT
22 IS REINFORCED WITH REGULARITY BY THE POLLS ONE AFTER THE NEXT
23 TO SAY THIS IS THE TOP TIER ISSUE WITH ONE EXCEPTION: JOBS AND
24 THE ECONOMY. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT URGENCY SUGGESTS IN NO
25 UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT WE DO THE FOLLOWING. WE FIND AS MUCH IN



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1 THE WAY OF RESOURCES THAT WE CAN. AND FIND THOSE RESOURCES
2 MOVING AS QUICKLY INTO OUR COUNTY BUREAUCRACY SO THAT THE WORK
3 CAN BEGIN IN EARNEST ON THE MATTER OF THE FIGHT AGAINST THIS
4 HOMELESS CRISIS THAT IS INCREASING THE LEAST EFFECTIVE METHOD
5 OF THE THREE THAT'S BEFORE US HAPPENS TO BE THE DISCUSSION
6 AROUND THE TAX ON MARIJUANA. WE'VE HEARD THE NUMBERS, THE LOW
7 NUMBER IS SOMEWHERE IN THE AREA OF \$80 MILLION. AND THERE'S A
8 LOT OF QUESTIONS THAT ARE SURROUNDING THAT. AND IT MAY MOVE
9 NORTH OF THAT. BUT THERE'S A LOT OF UNCERTAINTY IN THAT
10 CONNECTION. AND SECONDLY YOU HAVE THE PARCEL TAX THAT WOULD
11 GENERATE APPROXIMATELY \$180 MILLION. AND THEN THERE'S THE
12 NUMBER OF \$355 MILLION IN TERMS OF A SALES TAX. WE'VE HEARD A
13 LOT OF TESTIMONY SUPPORTING SALES TAX. THIS IS NOT ABOUT A
14 REFERENDUM ON THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA. AS FAR AS I'M
15 CONCERNED, THERE'S BEEN A DISPROPORTIONATE AMOUNT OF ATTENTION
16 PAID TO THE QUESTION OF MARIJUANA TODAY. I CAME TO DISCUSS THE
17 ISSUE OF HOW WE WOULD CONFRONT THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS IN
18 REAL TIME AND NOT WHETHER OR NOT WE ARE ENGAGED IN A
19 CONVERSATION ABOUT THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA. THAT'S AN
20 ISSUE THAT THE STATE HAS MOVED FORWARD ON A BALLOT MEASURE
21 WHICH EVERYONE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS. SO I THINK
22 WHAT I'D LIKE TO SUGGEST IS THAT WE FIGURE OUT WHAT THE
23 APPROPRIATE PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH TO TAXATION OF MARIJUANA
24 WOULD BE. MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, I'M PREPARED TO SUBMIT
25 A MOTION THAT WE DO THAT FOR OUR CONSIDERATION. PASS IT OUT



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1 FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS IN THIS REGARD. I WOULD THINK THAT
2 AFTER WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A CLEARER DISCUSSION IN
3 LIGHT OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED TODAY ABOUT THE
4 UNCERTAINTIES AND THE UNANSWERED QUESTIONS, THE INCOMPLETE
5 WORK TO BE DONE LET ME PAUSE THERE AND GIVE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO
6 THE AMOUNT OF WORK OUR STAFF ON THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS HAS
7 DONE. LET ME JUST SIMPLY SAY FROM THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O., TO
8 THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNTY, TO PUBLIC HEALTH TO REGIONAL
9 PLANNING, AGRICULTURE ET CETERA, IF I LEFT ANYBODY OUT, CHARGE
10 IT TO MY HEAD, NOT TO MY HEART. I'M SIMPLY SUGGESTING TO YOU
11 THAT A LOT OF WORK HAS BEEN DONE AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE IT.
12 I THINK WE CAN RECOGNIZE WHAT WE NEED TO DO IN TERMS OF
13 CAPTURING REVENUES FOR A NEW POTENTIAL TAXATION EFFORT ONCE IT
14 IS ESTABLISHED. I DO NOT THINK THAT IT SHOULD NECESSARILY BE
15 TIED TO THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS. I THINK WE HAVE A PROPOSAL
16 THAT WOULD ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS IN REAL TIME, THE
17 MOST RESOURCES, SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. THE LEAST EFFECTIVE
18 PROPOSAL BEFORE US IN THAT CONNECTION HAPPENS TO BE THAT OF
19 THE MARIJUANA TAXATION SCENARIO, THE MOST UNCERTAIN, THE MOST
20 DELINQUENT IN TERMS OF WHEN IT WOULD SHOW UP AND THE LEAST
21 AMOUNT IN THE WAY OF RESOURCES. I SUBMIT THIS MOTION FOR THE
22 BOARD'S CONSIDERATION AND THE REST OF THE MOTIONS THAT ARE
23 BEFORE US WE CAN TAKE UP ACCORDINGLY. MADAME CHAIR, WITH THAT,
24 I WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT THE ITEM WITH RESPECT TO THE PARCEL
25 TAX, TO THE EXTENT THAT IT WAS A MOTION THAT I BROUGHT IN, I'M



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1 COMFORTABLE WITH WITHDRAWING THAT AT THIS POINT AND PROCEEDING
2 TO THE BALANCE OF THE ITEMS THAT ARE BEFORE US. OF COURSE THAT
3 WOULD TAKE THE WILL OF THE BODY TO DO THAT. BUT THAT'S ONE
4 THAT COULD BE REMOVED FOR DISCUSSION TODAY.

5

6 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** YOU HAVE A MOTION BEFORE YOU TO
7 WITHDRAW THE PARCEL TAX? THAT WOULD BE ITEM A UNDER THE PUBLIC
8 HEARING AGENDA 36.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO MOVED.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SECOND.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED.

15

16 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** WE HAVE A MOTION BEFORE YOU THAT'S
17 AN AMENDMENT TO ITEM 36.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS TECHNICALLY WOULD CHANGE-- PUT
20 THE MARIJUANA INITIATIVE, OUR ORDINANCE ON MARCH NEXT YEAR, ON
21 THE BALLOT. IS THAT WHAT I'M READING CORRECTLY?

22

23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WHICH MOTION ARE WE REFERRING TO?

24



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1 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE MOTION BY RIDLEY-THOMAS, SINCE
2 IT WAS THE LAST AMENDMENT, IT IS VOTED ON FIRST.

3

4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** DID IT GET A SECOND?

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IS THERE A SECOND?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** I GUESS I'M-- I WAS PREPARED TO SUPPORT SOMETHING
9 LIKE THIS, BUT I THOUGHT IT WAS FOR NOVEMBER. THIS IS NOW
10 MARCH.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE RATIONALE IS IN LIGHT OF THE TESTIMONY
13 THAT WE HEARD TODAY, THERE ARE A LOT OF UNANSWERED QUESTIONS
14 WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSAL FOR TAXATION OF MARIJUANA. I WANT
15 TO SAY THAT FOR THE RECORD, SHOULD IT BECOME LAW, IT IS CLEAR
16 TO ME THAT WE WOULD BE LESS THAN INTELLIGENT IF WE WERE NOT TO
17 CONSIDER WAYS THAT WE WOULD FIGURE OUT HOW TO RESPONSIBLY TAX
18 THAT RESOURCE AND TO MOVE IT TOWARD THE SUPPORT OF THE THINGS
19 THAT WE DEEM APPROPRIATE. WHAT'S BEFORE US TODAY IS
20 ESSENTIALLY PUTTING THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE. IN MY VIEW IT
21 IS EFFECTIVELY JUMPING THE GUN. IT IS IN ADDITION TO THAT--
22 I'LL RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO SAY THAT IT'S SMOKE AND MIRRORS
23 BECAUSE SOMEONE MIGHT THINK THAT THEY MIGHT NEED TO UP ME ON
24 THEIR POT REFERENCES. AND I'M SURE THAT THAT COULD HAPPEN. I'M
25 SIMPLY SUGGESTING THAT WHAT'S BEFORE US HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY



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1 TO TAX MARIJUANA. I DO HAVE SUBSTANTIAL RELUCTANCE OF IT BEING
2 TIED TO HOMELESSNESS, PARTICULARLY WHEN IT'S THE LEAST
3 EFFECTIVE SET OF RESOURCES THAT WOULD BE AIMED AT THE HOMELESS
4 CRISIS. MAY I RESTATE THAT IT'S 450 MILLION THAT OUR AGENCIES
5 HAVE IDENTIFIED WE NEED. THE SALES TAX BRINGS IN \$355
6 [MILLION]. MARIJUANA SCARCELY DOES \$80 [MILLION]. AND IT MAY
7 DECLINE. THAT IS NOT THE WAY AT THIS POINT IN TIME TO GET
8 AFTER THIS PROBLEM IN AN AGGRESSIVE WAY COMMENSURATE WITH OUR
9 CLAIMS THAT THIS IS URGENT AND OUR EMERGENCY. THAT IS WHY I
10 BRING IT TO YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. I WOULD ASK FOR A
11 SECOND.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL SECOND IT FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST HAD A BREAKING NEWS ALERT HERE ON MY SCREEN
18 THAT SAID DIANE FEINSTEIN OFFICIALLY OPPOSES POT LEGALIZATION.
19 JUST POPPED UP ON MY SCREEN. JUST THOUGHT I'D THROW THAT IN.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

22

23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. FIRST LET ME
24 PRAISE MY COLLEAGUE, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, WHO HAS BEEN PRESSING
25 US AND PRESSING US ABOUT THE ISSUE AND THE IMMEDIACY ABOUT THE



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1 ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS. THE PARCEL TAX IS OFF THE TABLE. THAT
2 LEAVES SALES TAX, WHICH BY MY COUNT REQUIRES FOUR COUNTS ON
3 THIS BOARD. SHOULD WE BRING IT UP FOR THE VOTE AND IT NOT GET
4 THE REQUISITE FOUR VOTES, THAT LEAVES THE MARIJUANA TAX. I
5 PERSONALLY WANT SOMETHING ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT THAT BRINGS
6 MONEY IN TO HELP US FUND THE SERVICES THAT WE MUST DO FOR
7 HOMELESSNESS. THAT NEVER PRECLUDES US FROM WHAT WE MIGHT DO IN
8 MARCH, WHAT WE MIGHT DO NEXT FALL, WHAT WE MIGHT DO BY 2018.
9 AND I THINK THAT THE EXPERIENCE IN OTHER STATES HAS SHOWN THAT
10 REVENUE FROM A TAX ON MARIJUANA HAS INCREASED OVER THE YEARS
11 IN THOSE STATES WHERE IT'S BEEN LEGALIZED. I THINK THAT THE
12 QUESTIONS THAT ARE RAISED BY THIS MOTION DO NOT HAVE TO BE
13 ANSWERED BEFORE THIS BOARD TAKES THE ACTION TO PUT THIS TAX ON
14 THE BALLOT. WE HAVE ALREADY SAID WE MUST DEVELOP A REGULATORY
15 SCHEME. WE HAVE ALREADY SAID WE MUST DEVELOP A LICENSING
16 SCHEME. WE HAVE ASKED THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO GIVE US
17 AN ESTIMATE ABOUT WHAT MIGHT BE REQUIRED OF IT. THAT DOESN'T
18 SOUND LIKE "REEFER MADNESS," IF YOU DON'T MIND, MISS HARDING,
19 TO HELP US WORK OUR WAY THROUGH IT AS WE WOULD ANYTHING ELSE.
20 IT IS NOT REQUIRED THAT THESE QUESTIONS BE ANSWERED BEFORE WE
21 DECIDE TODAY THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO PUT THIS MEASURE ON THE
22 BALLOT. BECAUSE SHOULD THE STATEWIDE INITIATIVE PASS AND THIS
23 BALLOT MEASURE PASS, FIRST OF ALL, FROM WHAT WE HEARD LAST
24 TIME IT COULD TAKE TILL 2017 JUST TO COUNT THE VOTES. I'M
25 SORRY. BUT WHO KNOWS. AND BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, IT WILL BE 2018



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1 AND WE'LL HAVE A REGULATORY SCHEME IN PLACE, ALL THE
2 INFORMATION THAT WE NEED, ET CETERA. SO I BELIEVE IT IS TIME
3 TO DO THIS NOW. THAT WE HAVE TO REALLY PUT THIS IN PLACE NOW.
4 THE THING I ALSO LIKE ABOUT THE MARIJUANA TAX IS THAT IT LOOKS
5 VERY DIFFERENT TO THE VOTERS FROM THE OTHER TWO TAXES THAT I
6 THINK WE'LL SEE ON THE BALLOT. PARCEL TAX FOR PARKS, A SALES
7 TAX FOR TRANSIT, A MARIJUANA TAX RELATED TO HOMELESS. AND I
8 THINK THAT THAT HELPS THE VOTERS SEGREGATE THESE ISSUES AND
9 THESE FUNDING STREAMS IN THEIR MIND. SO WHILE I AGREE THAT
10 THESE ISSUES, SOME OF THEM MAY BE UNRESOLVED. I DO NOT AGREE
11 THAT WE SHOULD WAIT UNTIL MARCH ON THIS, PERSONALLY, AND I
12 THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR WORK.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I CONCUR FULLY WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL ON
17 THE EMPHASIS ON DOING SOMETHING NOW. YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING
18 NOW, IT WOULD BE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE SALES TAX PROPOSAL.
19 WHY? BECAUSE YOU GET THE MOST AND YOU GET IT SOONER. THERE IS
20 NO UNCERTAINTY THAT ATTACHES TO THE SALES TAX. IT IS
21 PREDICTABLE. YOU CAN'T EVEN PIN DOWN THE ISSUE OF THE
22 MARIJUANA TAX IN TERMS OF WHAT IT WILL GENERATE. THE ONLY
23 THING YOU CAN PIN DOWN IS THAT IT WILL NOT COME INTO EFFECT
24 UNTIL 2018 AT THE EARLIEST. MAY I ADD TO THAT, THERE'S A LOT
25 OF QUESTIONS IN TERMS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY, THE PUBLIC HEALTH,



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1 THE REGIONAL PLANNING IMPACTS. SHROUDED WITH QUESTIONS. IF WE
2 WANT TO ACT DECISIVELY, IF WE WANT TO HAVE THE MOST IMPACT, IT
3 SEEMS TO ME IF YOU WANT TO HAVE THE BROADEST EFFECT, NO ONE
4 CAN SAY THAT THEY ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED. SOME HAVE
5 ARGUED ABOUT THE FACT THAT THIS IS POTENTIALLY REGRESSIVE. MAY
6 I REMIND YOU THAT THE VOTE THAT FOUR OF US TOOK AT THE
7 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ON MEASURE R-2 WAS A
8 SALES TAX. MAY I ALSO REMIND YOU THAT IT WAS TWICE THE AMOUNT
9 THAT WE ARE ESSENTIALLY ASKING FOR WITH RESPECT TO THE
10 HOMELESS. IS IT SOMETHING ABOUT THE HOMELESS THAT WE SHOULD
11 RELY ON LESS THAN WE WOULD FOR A TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM? MY
12 POINT IS I DON'T THINK SO. IT WAS GOOD ENOUGH IN THAT
13 INSTANCE, IT CERTAINLY IS IN THIS INSTANCE. SO NOW THE
14 QUESTION I FULLY CONCUR WITH. IT IS NOT ONLY NOW. IT IS HOW
15 MUCH, HOW QUICKLY AND WITH WHAT CERTAINTY? BELIEVE THAT WE
16 SHOULD TAX MARIJUANA SHOULD IT BE LEGALIZED. IT IS NOT YET
17 LEGALIZED AND WE HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LEVEL OF TAXATION
18 AND IF IT WILL TIP THE MARKET INTO AN UNDERGROUND ECONOMY
19 THAT'S MORE ILLICIT AND HAS DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACTS IN
20 COMMUNITIES ALREADY STRUGGLING WITH A RANGE OF MALADIES. THIS
21 TO ME IS HUGE PROBLEMATIC AND TO THE EXTENT THAT IT IS
22 HUGE PROBLEMATIC, WE HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE. AND FOUR VOTES
23 WILL DO IT. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THERE ARE FIVE PEOPLE HERE
24 TODAY THAT WE ONLY NEED FOUR TO DO IT. I'M ONE FOR GOING
25 FORWARD WITH THE SALES TAX BECAUSE IT WOULD DO THE MOST GOOD,



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1 THE SOONEST AND WE CAN GET AFTER THE ISSUE OF URGENCY WITH
2 ADDRESSING THE HOMELESS CRISIS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
3 WHICH WILL WORSEN AS THE STATUS QUO WILL WORSEN. LET ME
4 SUGGEST TO YOU WITH THE ANTICIPATED DOWNTURN IN THE ECONOMY,
5 THAT WILL COMPOUND IT IN A WAY THAT WILL CAUSE IT TO BE
6 PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO CATCH UP. LET'S DO THIS WHILE
7 WE CAN AND DO IT NOW, WOULD BE MY APPEAL.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR, I DID
10 NOT SECOND THAT DISCUSSION, THE SALES TAX. I THINK I'VE
11 INDICATED TO MOST OF YOU THROUGHOUT THE WEEK IN GOING THROUGH
12 AND TALKING TO VARIOUS PEOPLE, OBVIOUSLY THERE'S A LOT OF
13 LOBBYING AS RELATES TO SALES TAX AND SOME OF THE OTHERS THAT I
14 FELT VERY STRONGLY I AM NOT A PROPONENT OF MARIJUANA NOR
15 PROBABLY WOULDN'T EVEN VOTE FOR THE LEGALIZATION. BUT THE
16 POINT BEING IF IT'S GOING TO PASS, THEN WE OUGHT TO GET A
17 PIECE OF THE ACTION BECAUSE IT WILL HELP THOSE THAT WE NEED TO
18 HELP. AND I WAS PREPARED TO AND CONTINUE TO BE PREPARED SHOULD
19 IT GO THAT WAY, TO SUPPORT PUTTING IT ON THE BALLOT IN
20 NOVEMBER. I THINK JUST BASED ON WHAT WE FOUND OUT AND WHAT YOU
21 LOOK AT SOME OF THE LEGAL ISSUES YOU HAVE TO FIND THE EARLIER
22 THE BETTER SHOULD IT PASS TO BE PREPARED DOWN THE ROAD AND
23 THEN YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE OPTION IN MARCH TO PUT SOMETHING
24 ELSE ON THE BALLOT, MY QUESTION, I JUST THINK WE NEED A



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1 CLARIFICATION, I'LL ASK COUNTY COUNSEL. THERE'S A GENERAL TAX
2 AND THERE'S A SPECIAL TAX. ALL RIGHT?

3

4 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** FOR MARIJUANA?

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** FOR MARIJUANA. THE ISSUE IS AS I UNDERSTAND IT,
7 THE ISSUE OF DEDICATING THIS STRICTLY TO HOMELESSNESS IS HOW
8 MANY VOTES?

9

10 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** THAT WOULD BE A SPECIAL TAX AND THAT
11 WOULD BE 3 VOTES OF THE BOARD. AND TWO-THIRDS OF THE
12 ELECTORATE.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** THE ONLY ISSUE WE CAN DEAL WITH IN THIS MOTION IS
15 REALLY CAN'T DEAL WITH ANYTHING RECREATIONAL UNTIL 2018, IS
16 THAT CORRECT?

17

18 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** THAT IS CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. THE
19 BUSINESS TAX--

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** THE BUSINESS TAX CAN GO FORWARD SHOULD IT PASS.

22

23 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** IN 2018, WE COULD START TO TAX
24 RECREATIONAL.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT ABOUT THE MEDICAL SIDE?

2

3 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** THE MEDICAL YOU COULD START IN 2017.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WHICH IS A BUSINESS TAX, CORRECT?

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU ALL ARE IN THE-- GO AHEAD.

8

9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THIS MOTION'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. DO
10 WE NEED TO VOTE ON THIS MOTION BEFORE WE--

11

12 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** YES. THIS ONE NEEDS TO BE VOTED ON
13 BEFORE YOU GO TO THE BALLOTS.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO WE'RE CLEAR WHAT THIS MOTION IS, FOR
16 THE RECORD. TESTIMONY BY VARIOUS L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT
17 REPRESENTATIVES TODAY UNDERScoreD THAT THE POTENTIAL PUBLIC
18 HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPACTS THAT ARE LIKELY TO BE CREATED BY THE
19 LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PROCEEDING
20 PRUDENTLY WITH ANY FORM OF TAXATION. TAXATION OF MARIJUANA
21 ACROSS THE COUNTY SHOULD BE DONE AT A RESPONSIBLE LEVEL TO
22 ENSURE THAT IT DOES NOT EXACERBATE AN ILLICIT MARKET AND ALSO
23 ENSURE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE
24 ADMINISTRATIVE AND ENFORCEMENT COSTS OF CREATING AN
25 ENVIRONMENT THAT FOSTERS RESPONSIBLE USE. MOREOVER, ANY



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1 REVENUE GENERATED SHOULD ADDRESS THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER
2 COSTS RESULTING FROM LEGALIZATION. IF INDEED CALIFORNIA VOTERS
3 CHOOSE TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA IN NOVEMBER, WE MUST BE PREPARED
4 FOR A NEW POOL OF POTENTIAL RESIDENTS THAT WILL REQUIRE
5 SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT. PREVENTION-BASED EDUCATION AND
6 OUTREACH SHOULD ALSO BE ESTABLISHED TO PROMOTE THE RESPONSIBLE
7 USE OF MARIJUANA, RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA, THEREFORE FUNDS
8 GENERATED SHOULD BE SPECIFICALLY TARGETED TO THE NEW
9 POPULATION OF INDIVIDUALS, WE IDENTIFY LARGELY YOUTH, AND WE
10 TALK A LOT ABOUT COLORADO. MAY I SIMPLY SUGGEST THAT ARTICLE
11 THAT JUST RELEASED, IN MAY, MARIJUANA ARRESTS ARE DOWN IN
12 COLORADO FOR WHITE TEENS BUT UP FOR BLACK AND LATINO TEENS.
13 MAY I SIMPLY SUGGEST TO YOU THAT DISPARITIES IN LAW
14 ENFORCEMENT AND THE LIKE ARE CALLED OUT PRETTY INTERESTINGLY
15 IN THIS ARTICLE AND I THINK ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THAT WE NEED
16 TO ATTEND TO IS HOW WE CONCERN OURSELVES FOR THESE YOUTH,
17 SOCIOECONOMIC AS WELL AS RACIAL FACTORS ARE HARDLY ARE
18 IRRELEVANT. MAY I THEN SAY THAT THE BALANCE DIRECTS THE C.E.O.
19 IN COORDINATION WITH AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS AND OUTSIDE EXPERTS
20 TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD IN 30 DAYS WITH A PROPOSAL TO
21 AGENDIZE FOR THE MARCH 17 BALLOT AN ADULT USE OF MARIJUANA--
22 SHOULD THE ADULT USE OF MARIJUANA PASS IN NOVEMBER OF '16, A
23 PLAN TO TAX RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA AT A LEVEL THAT WILL
24 SUFFICIENTLY COVER ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT COSTS, AS
25 WELL AS PROVIDE NEEDED REVENUE TO TARGET ADDITIONAL PUBLIC



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1 HEALTH INTERVENTIONS TIED TO THE ANTICIPATED PROLIFERATION OF
2 DRUG USE OWING TO THE VOTERS SENTIMENT AS IT PASSES IN
3 NOVEMBER. THAT WOULD INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE POTENTIAL
4 ONE TIME AND ONGOING COSTS AND TIMELINE TO CREATE NECESSARILY
5 REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT AND TAXATION STRUCTURES, DESCRIPTION OF
6 COSTS THE COUNTY COULD INCUR AS A RESULT OF THE ADULT USE OF
7 MARIJUANA USE TAX PASSAGE ACROSS HEALTH, LAW ENFORCEMENT IN
8 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND HOW THOSE COSTS COULD BE STRATEGICALLY
9 ADDRESSED ADDITIONALLY A PREDICTION, PROJECTION AND TIMELINE
10 FOR THE RECEIPT OF ANY POTENTIAL REVENUE GENERATED BY THE ACT
11 IN TERMS OF STATE TAX RATE AND THE POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL COUNTY
12 TAX, DESCRIPTION OF EVERYTHING THE COUNTY WOULD NEED TO
13 LEGALLY AND ADMINISTRATIVELY DO TO PRESERVE THE STATUS QUO ON
14 THE DAY, POST PASSAGE, AND FINALLY RECOMMEND A TIMELINE AND
15 BUDGET FOR TAKING REGULATORY ACTION. FURTHER MOVE THAT THE
16 C.E.O.-- THAT WE DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO WORK WITH
17 REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL CITIES AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES TO
18 EXPLORE A POTENTIAL REGIONAL TAXATION AND REGULATORY SCHEME
19 THAT BEST PROTECTS PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AND PROMOTES THE
20 ECONOMIC WELL-BEING ACROSS THE REGION, ESPECIALLY IN THOSE
21 COMMUNITIES IMPACTED DISPROPORTIONATELY BY THE IDENTIFIABLE
22 HIGH CRIME RATES, PUBLIC HEALTH HARMS AND REPORT BACK IN 30
23 DAYS WITH A PLAN TO POTENTIALLY PLACE A MARIJUANA TAXATION
24 MEASURE ON THE MARCH 17TH BALLOT SHOULD IT BE LEGALIZED IN
25 NOVEMBER. I WANTED TO GET THAT ON THE RECORD, MADAME CHAIR AND



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1 COLLEAGUES, SO THAT EVERYONE WOULD KNOW WHAT WE ARE
2 ESSENTIALLY CONSIDERING.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I WOULD ADD TO THAT. I LIKE THE
5 LYNDON JOHNSON MADE- FOR-T.V. MOVIE, AND THAT SOUNDED LIKE ONE
6 OF THE FILIBUSTERS. [LAUGHTER.]

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I RESPECTFULLY SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR
9 SECOND.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** NO. GOING BACK TO ONE OF YOUR EARLIER COMMENTS,
12 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND THAT WAS THAT THERE WAS A LOT OF
13 CONVERSATION ABOUT MARIJUANA TODAY AND NOT CONVERSATION ABOUT
14 THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS. IT SEEMED TO GET CAUGHT UP IN THAT.
15 I WOULD JUST TAKE THAT AND SAY THIS HERE WHAT WE'RE DOING
16 TODAY TO PUT IT ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT IS NOT A VOTE ON
17 WHETHER OR NOT WE SUPPORT MARIJUANA. THE VOTE IS TO, IF IT
18 SHOULD PASS, DO WE WANT TO BE IN LINE UP FRONT AND HAVE RULES
19 AND REGULATIONS IN PLACE TO BE A PART, TO BE RECIPIENT OF THE
20 REVENUE THAT COMES FROM THAT AND PUT INTO SOMETHING THAT'S SO
21 DESPERATELY NEEDED AS THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS. I KNOW WE
22 NEED TO VOTE UP OR DOWN THIS MOTION. I DID SECOND FOR
23 CONVERSATION, BUT I WOULD JUST CALL FOR THE QUESTION ON THAT
24 FIRST MOTION.

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1 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: MADAME CHAIR, YOU HAVE A MOTION
2 THAT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
3 THOMAS.

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5 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AYE.

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7 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

8

9 SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: NO.

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11 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KNABE?

12

13 SUP. KNABE: NO.

14

15 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

16

17 SUP. ANTONOVICH: NO.

18

19 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

20

21 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: NO.

22

23 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: THE MEASURE FAILS.

24

25 SUP. KNABE: GO AHEAD.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SOUNDS LIKE UNANIMOUS PASSAGE TO ME. MAYBE
3 I MISUNDERSTOOD THE VOTE. [LAUGHTER.]

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5 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** NOW I'D LIKE TO SPEAK FOR FOUR HOURS. OH
6 WAIT.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO MEMBERS, WE NEED TO CALL UP THE
9 OTHER ITEMS THAT HAVE TO BE MOVED. OH I'M SORRY. THERE'S ONE
10 INDIVIDUAL THAT NEEDS TO BE NOTICED. QUEEN SEARLES WE DID CALL
11 HER BUT SHE WAS OUT WHEN WE CALLED HER, SO WE ARE GOING TO
12 ALLOW HER TO COME AND SPEAK. WE APOLOGIZE. WE DID CALL YOU.
13 THE FLOOR IS YOURS, MA'AM.

14

15 **QUEEN SEARLES:** THE REASON, I HAD TO MEET THE PERSON I WAS JUST
16 TALKING TO SO THAT'S THE REASON. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HEARING
17 ME. THANKS FOR INVITING ME, SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS WITH
18 YOUR TWEETS. I LOVE THE TWEETS THAT I GET FROM YOU GUYS. I'M
19 GRATEFUL FOR THE 4-CENT. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE POSITIVE
20 FIRST. THE QUARTER OF A PERCENT, IF PEOPLE REALIZE THAT IT
21 ONLY TOOK \$4 AND ALL YOU WOULD GIVE IS 1 PENNY TO HELP A
22 HOMELESS PERSON, I'M SURE THAT EVERYBODY WOULD VOTE FOR THIS
23 IN NOVEMBER BECAUSE THEY WILL REALIZE, I MEAN, WE DROP
24 PENNIES. WE WALK OVER THEM, DON'T EVEN PICK THEM UP. ONE
25 FOURTH, IT TAKES FOUR PEOPLE TO MAKE ONE PENNY. IT'S NOT EVEN



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1 A WHOLE PERCENT. SO IF THEY UNDERSTAND THAT, THEN THAT'S GOING
2 TO PASS AND THAT'S WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR. AND I WANTED TO SAY
3 I'M VERY HOMELESS. I'VE BEEN HERE. I SHOULD NOT HAVE TO LEAVE
4 HERE AND NOT HAVE TIME OVER MY-- A ROOF OVER MY HEAD. WHAT I
5 WANT TO ADD TO WHAT YOU'VE ALREADY DONE WITH THE HOMELESS
6 RESCUE PROGRAM AND I'VE TAKEN POLL OF PEOPLE, THAT'S WHAT I
7 WANTED TO SHOW YOU. I CAME TO YOU BEFORE AND TALKED ABOUT IT.
8 BUT I'VE BEEN GOING AND I'VE BEEN TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT
9 RESCUING AND HEARD SOMEONE ELSE SAY, TAKE SOMEBODY HOME WITH
10 YOU. WE RESCUE DOGS, CATS, EVERYTHING. THE PEOPLE WHO RESCUE
11 HOMELESS PEOPLE WOULD GET A TAX INCENTIVE. AND THIS IS GOING
12 TO BRING A LOT OF MONEY BECAUSE IT WILL SAVE YOU MONEY. AND AT
13 THE SAME TIME, SAY SOMEONE RESCUE SOMEBODY LIKE ME, IT'S GOING
14 TO CREATE JOBS BECAUSE I HAVE A BUSINESS. THEY'RE GOING TO
15 MENTOR ME TO FINANCIAL HEALTH. AND SO THAT'S GOING TO GENERATE
16 MORE JOBS, MORE MONEY, MORE EVERYTHING. SO I'M PRAYING HOW TO
17 FIND OUT TO ADD THIS TO YOUR BALLOT THAT WE DO THAT.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS UP. BUT WE CERTAINLY CAN
20 DIRECT YOU.

21

22 **QUEEN SEARLES:** PLEASE DON'T PASS MARIJUANA.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

25



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1 **QUEEN SEARLES:** GET IN PLACE OF THOSE PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIRMAN, IT NEEDS TO BE CLEAR, WE'RE NOT
4 PASSING MARIJUANA. WE ARE NOT VOTING ON MARIJUANA. WE'RE
5 VOTING ON THE TAX SHOULD IT PASS. HAS NOTHING TO DO-- THE
6 COUNTY HAS NO CONTROL IF IT PASS.

7

8 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, AT THIS TIME, IT
9 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO MOVE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND
10 VOTE ON EACH ITEM.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE ITEM'S BEEN MOVED TO CLOSE
13 THE PUBLIC HEARING. SECONDED BY KNABE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M ASKING BECAUSE IF IT DOES COME BACK,
16 THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY SPOKEN WOULD HAVE HAD THEIR TESTIMONY
17 REPRESENTED SO THERE WILL BE NEW PEOPLE TESTIFYING IF IT THIS
18 CAME BACK.

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, LET'S GO AHEAD NOW, CALL.

21

22 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** OKAY, MADAME CHAIR, YOU HAVE BEFORE
23 YOU THREE ITEMS. I WILL GO THROUGH EACH ONE BECAUSE THEY HAVE
24 SEPARATE VOTING REQUIREMENTS. THIS IS A FOUR-VOTE ITEM. AN
25 ORDINANCE LEVYING A COUNTY-WIDE QUARTER CENT TRANSACTION AND



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1 USE TAX FOR GENERAL PURPOSES WITH AN ADVISORY QUESTION ON
2 FUNDING HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS. THIS IS A FOUR-VOTE ITEM.
3 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

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7 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AYE.

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11 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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13 **SUP. KNABE:** WHICH OF THE MOTIONS ARE WE VOTING ON?

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15 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THIS IS AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A
16 COUNTYWIDE QUARTER CENT TRANSACTION AND USE TAX FOR GENERAL
17 PURPOSES.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THIS IS NOT THE FILIBUSTER.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS THE SALES TAX.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

24

25 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?



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2 SUP. ANTONOVICH: NO.

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4 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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6 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: YES.

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8 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: THE MOTION FAILS TO CARRY. IT GOT
9 THREE VOTES. IT NEEDED FOUR. THE NEXT ONE, THIS IS A THREE
10 VOTE ITEM. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A COUNTYWIDE TAX ON
11 MARIJUANA BUSINESSES WITH AN EXPENDITURE PLAN DEDICATED TO
12 ADDRESSING THE CAUSES AND EFFECTS OF HOMELESSNESS. SO THIS IS
13 A MARIJUANA TAX. IT IS A SPECIAL TAX. IT'S THREE VOTES.
14 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

15

16 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: NO.

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18 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

19

20 SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: AYE.

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22 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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24 SUP. KNABE: AYE.

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3 SUP. ANTONOVICH: NO.

4

5 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

6

7 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

8

9 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: THE MOTION CARRIES. THE FINAL ITEM
10 BEFORE YOU IS AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A COUNTYWIDE TAX ON
11 MARIJUANA BUSINESSES FOR GENERAL PURPOSES WITH AN ADVISORY
12 QUESTION ON FUNDING HOMELESSNESS PROGRAM. THIS IS A FOUR-VOTE
13 ITEM. A MARIJUANA TAX WITH AN ADVISORY QUESTION ON FUNDING
14 HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

15

16 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: NO.

17

18 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

19

20 SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: AYE.

21

22 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KNABE?

23

24 SUP. KNABE: NO.

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1 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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5 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

8

9 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE MOTION FAILS. THERE IS ONE MORE
10 ITEM, MADAME CHAIR, AND THIS IS RELATED TO R-2. THIS WAS AN
11 EARLIER MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH TO DIRECT THE C.E.O.
12 TO WORK WITH THE HEALTH AGENCY AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO
13 EVALUATE THE SPENDING PLANS CURRENTLY IN PLACE IN THE COUNTY.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL SECOND IT. IS THERE ANY
16 FURTHER DISCUSSION? NO OBJECTION. OKAY. SUCH WILL BE THE
17 ORDER. OKAY, GOOD, CONGRATULATIONS. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU,
18 AUDIENCE, FOR BEING SO PERSISTENT WITH US TODAY. [APPLAUSE.]
19 NOW WE MOVE ON TO ITEM NO. 12. OH, I'M SORRY. THERE'S AN R-4
20 REPORT. BRIEF, RIGHT? NO FILIBUSTERS.

21

22 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU.
23 BEGINNING IN DECEMBER 2014, YOUR BOARD COLLECTIVELY DECIDED TO
24 TACKLE FOUR OF THE MOST CHALLENGING ISSUES CONFRONTING OUR
25 COUNTY: HOMELESSNESS, HEALTH AGENCY INTEGRATION, JAIL REFORM



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1 AND CHILD PROTECTION. WE HAVE AMBITIOUSLY PURSUED THESE
2 INITIATIVES THROUGH A GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE THAT HAS ALLOWED US
3 TO BE FAST OFF THE MARK AND INCORPORATE UNPRECEDENTED LEVELS
4 OF HORIZONTAL INTEGRATION. BY ADOPTING THIS EFFICIENT AND
5 EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO PROBLEM SOLVING, WE HAVE ENABLED
6 DEPARTMENTS NOT ONLY TO TARGET THESE INDIVIDUAL PRIORITIES BUT
7 TO ALSO AGGRESSIVELY MOVE FORWARD WITH THEIR OTHER CRUCIAL
8 RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE PUBLIC. AS YOU'LL SEE IN THIS
9 PRESENTATION, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF MILESTONES TO REPORT IN
10 EACH OF THE PRIORITY AREAS. I WILL TAKE YOU THROUGH THE
11 HIGHLIGHTS, AND LEADERS OF EACH INITIATIVES ARE WITH US HERE
12 TODAY. I THOUGHT THEY WERE COMING UP SO I COULD INTRODUCE THEM
13 AND I WILL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. PHIL
14 ANSELL WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF HOMELESSNESS. MARK GHALY WHO HAS
15 BEEN IN CHARGE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY. MIKE NASH, WHO IS
16 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION.
17 WE'RE MISSING-- NOT COMING. SO IT'S JUST THE THREE
18 INDIVIDUALS. SO AS YOU KNOW, THE BOARD'S FOUR PRIORITIES
19 INITIATED IN ORDER TO TRANSFORM SERVICE DELIVERY AND IMPROVE
20 THE LIVES OF SOME OF THE MOST COUNTY'S VULNERABLE RESIDENTS.
21 IN KEEPING WITH THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO TRANSPARENCY,
22 REPORT ON THE ORIGINS AND PROGRESS OF EACH INITIATIVE IS
23 POSTED UNDER THE DRIVING TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGES LINK ON THE
24 COUNTY'S WEBSITE. THAT WEBSITE COULD BE FOUND ON
25 WWW.LACOUNTY.GOV. HERE IS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE WORK



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1 UNDERWAY. IN THE AREA OF HOMELESSNESS, THE COUNTY HAS
2 DEVELOPED THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE, COORDINATED EFFORT IN ITS
3 HISTORY TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS WITH 47 HIGH-IMPACT STRATEGIES
4 AND INITIAL COMMITMENT OF MORE THAN \$100 MILLION. MOST INITIAL
5 PHASE STRATEGIES HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED INCLUDING MORE RAPID
6 REHOUSING FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES, INCENTIVES FOR
7 LANDLORDS TO ACCEPT FEDERAL HOUSING SUBSIDIES, EXPANDED
8 OPERATING HOURS AT MOST L.A.H.S.A. OPERATED EMERGENCY
9 SHELTERS. THE TEAM HAS ALSO CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE EXPLORATION OF
10 POTENTIAL ONGOING REVENUE OPTIONS AND IT HAS UNDERTAKEN BROAD
11 PUBLIC OUTREACH INCLUDING COMMUNITY SUMMITS, WEBINARS, A
12 COUNTYWIDE MAYORS SUMMIT AND A PETITION DRIVE URGING STATEWIDE
13 DECLARATION OF HOMELESS EMERGENCY. SLIDE 3. IN THE AREA OF
14 HEALTH AGENCY INTEGRATION, THE COUNTY'S 3 HEALTH-RELATED
15 DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN UNITED INTO A SINGLE HEALTH AGENCY.
16 PROVIDING COORDINATED SERVICES THAT PROMOTE HEALTHY PEOPLE
17 LIVING IN HEALTHY COMMUNITIES. KEY MILESTONES OVER THE PAST
18 SEVEN MONTHS INCLUDE INCREASE USE OF MENTAL HEALTH URGENT CARE
19 SERVICES, LEADING TO LESS OVERCROWDING AND PSYCHIATRIC
20 EMERGENCY ROOMS, A TIMELY INTEGRATED RESPONSE BY ALL THREE
21 DEPARTMENTS TO SERVE COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY EXIDE
22 CONTAMINATION, COLLOCATION OF MENTAL HEALTH STAFF AT THREE
23 MEDICAL HUBS SERVING CHILDREN AND TRANSITIONAL-AGE YOUTH AND
24 MORE THAN 1600 E-CONSULTATIONS FOR MENTAL HEALTH CLIENTS SINCE
25 JANUARY OF THIS YEAR. ON SLIDE 4, JAIL REFORM. IN THE AREA OF



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1 JAIL REFORM, THE BOARD HAS FOCUSED ON DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY.
2 THE COUNTY HAS ESTABLISHED A DEDICATED OFFICE TO FOCUS ON IF
3 ENDERS WHO NEED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, NOT INCARCERATION.
4 MORE THAN 150 ELIGIBLE PERSONS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY MOVED
5 OUT OF JAIL AND INTO COMMUNITY BASED RESTORATION PROGRAMS AND
6 PLACEMENTS. AT LEAST 200 UNITS AND SUPPORT SERVICES SLOTS ARE
7 AVAILABLE FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WITH
8 SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY TO OPEN
9 THE COUNTY'S FIRST SOBERING CENTER IN THE SKID ROW AREA IN
10 COLLABORATION WITH HOUSING FOR HEALTH. THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION
11 AND RE-ENTRY ALSO PARTNERED WITH COUNTY AND NONCOUNTY AGENCIES
12 TO LEAD THE WORK AROUND PROPOSITION 47. ON SLIDE 5, IN THE
13 AREA OF CHILD WELFARE, THE COUNTY HAS CREATED A NEW OFFICE OF
14 CHILD PROTECTION, FULFILLING A KEY RECOMMENDATION OF THE
15 BOARD-APPOINTED BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION. PROGRESS TO DATE
16 INCLUDES FINALIZING THE FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN IN
17 COLLABORATION WITH 16 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND MULTIPLE
18 STAKEHOLDERS, HIGH LEVEL HIRING IN CRITICAL AREAS HAS BEEN
19 COMPLETED. WORKING WITH COUNTY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO
20 DEVELOP A COUNTY-WIDE PREVENTION PLAN THAT EXPANDS AND LINKS
21 EXISTING COMMUNITY NETWORKS AND SUPPORTS EARLIER ACCESS TO
22 VITAL SERVICES AND REVIEWING THE LAST FIVE YEARS OF D.C.F.S.
23 STAFF AND CRITICAL INCIDENT REPORTS TO INFORM RECOMMENDATIONS
24 FOR SYSTEMATIC IMPROVEMENTS. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
25 UPDATE YOU ON THESE KEY PRIORITIES WHICH ARE THE HEART OF



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1 DRIVING TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGES IN OUR COUNTY. WE WOULD BE
2 HAPPY TO HAVE THE LEADERS OF EACH INITIATIVE EITHER SAY A FEW
3 MORE WORDS OR TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE AT
4 THIS TIME.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** EMPHASIS ON FEW.

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ANY QUESTIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS? I
9 THINK IT'S PRETTY SELF-EXPLANATORY MYSELF.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH, I THINK, MADAME CHAIR, THAT I HAVE A
12 RANGE OF QUESTIONS ON EACH OF THESE ITEMS. I'M MORE THAN
13 WILLING TO, PURSUANT TO CHAIR'S REQUEST TO HOLD THEM AND
14 PERHAPS CONTINUE THE ITEM WHERE WE WILL HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITY
15 TO DISCUSS IT MORE THOROUGHLY. I'M PREPARED TO RECOMMEND THAT
16 THAT IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THERE MAY BE A LITTLE FATIGUE
17 FACTOR SETTING IN FOR SOME MEMBERS. WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE,
18 MADAME CHAIR?

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD CERTAINLY LIKE TO ASK THE
21 STAFF IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO SAY ANYTHING REGARDING THEIR
22 REPORT. I MEAN YOU'VE WAITED ALL DAY LONG TO BE HERE FOR THIS
23 PURPOSE. SO HERE'S YOUR TIME, I THINK. AND I'M GLAD YOU'RE
24 HERE. AND CONGRATULATIONS, REALLY. AND TO OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE
25 OFFICER. THANK YOU. JUDGE NASH.



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2 **MICHAEL NASH:** I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I APPRECIATE THE
3 SUPPORT THAT OUR OFFICE HAS RECEIVED DURING THE TIME THAT I'VE
4 BEEN HERE. AND WE'RE VERY BUSY ON THE INITIATIVES THAT WERE
5 NOTED BY C.E.O. AND A NUMBER OF OTHER INITIATIVES, SOME OF
6 WHICH HAVE BEEN GENERATED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO I
7 THINK YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FUTURE TO
8 HEAR A LOT MORE FROM US.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, TOO, FOR YOUR WORK.

11

12 **DR. MARK GHALY:** MARK GHALY WITH D.H.S. AND THE HEALTH AGENCY.
13 I ECHO THAT. WE HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY, I WILL SAY, BOTH ACROSS
14 THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH EFFORTS THAT I THINK HAVE SPREAD AROUND
15 THE HOMELESSNESS, SOLVING THE HOMELESSNESS ISSUE IN L.A.
16 COUNTY THROUGH OUR DEPARTMENTS REALLY BEYOND WHAT D.H.S. HAS
17 DONE. I THINK A NUMBER OF THE THINGS YOU SAW IN THE SLIDES ARE
18 WORK THAT H.F.H. IS DOING. EQUALLY IMPORTANT IS JUST THE FOCUS
19 AROUND DIVERSION. I THINK SOME OF THE OTHER POINTS THAT ARE
20 WORTH EMPHASIZING IS WE'RE FINALLY FAIRLY FULLY STAFFED. WE
21 HAVE A NEW DIRECTOR. MOST OF THE POSITIONS FILLED. I THINK THE
22 150 FOLKS WE'VE ALREADY DIVERTED ARE SOME OF THE HARDEST TO
23 DIVERT IN THE COUNTY. THERE ARE MIS PATIENTS, THE
24 MISDEMEANANTS, INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL. SO I THINK WE'RE
25 REALLY GONE AFTER A POPULATION THAT OFTEN BEEN OVERLOOKED AND



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1 HARD TO WORK FOR, AND WE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL THERE. SO WE
2 HOPE THAT WILL SPREAD AS WELL MOVING INTO THE PHASE OF REALLY
3 BUILDING THE HOUSING RESOURCES FOR THIS POPULATION. AND THEN
4 IN THE LAST AREA, THE FOCUS AROUND THE INTEGRATED JAIL HEALTH.
5 WE MADE QUITE A BIT OF PROGRESS. THEY'RE BUILDING UP, I THINK,
6 THE MEDICAL LEADERSHIP AT THE SHERIFF TO ALLOW US TO PROMOTE A
7 MORE THOUGHTFUL AND I THINK CLINICALLY BASED CARE SYSTEM AND I
8 LOOK FORWARD TO REPORTING TO YOU IN MONTHS OR YEARS TO COME
9 THE SUCCESS THERE. SO AS QUESTIONS COME UP, JUST LIKE JUDGE
10 NASH MENTIONED, WE'LL BE HERE TO ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS AND
11 HOPEFULLY CONTINUE THE MOMENTUM YOU'VE ALLOWED US ALREADY TO
12 BUILD UP.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD LIKE TO SAY FIRST IT'S BEEN A
15 PLEASURE WORKING WITH YOU, MARK, BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE IT'S JUST
16 SO IMPORTANT TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THE SENSITIVITY FROM OUR
17 STAFFS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS WE'RE FACING AND WHAT WE
18 REPRESENT IN TERMS OF OUR COMMUNITY. EXIDE IS ONE EXAMPLE.
19 MAYWOOD WAS ANOTHER. AND ALL THESE THINGS HAPPENING ONE AFTER
20 ANOTHER AND TRYING TO FIGURE OUT AND THE STAFF HAS BEEN
21 WONDERFUL. PUBLIC HEALTH, D.H.S. OVERALL, EVERYONE HAS BEEN
22 VERY ATTENTIVE INCLUDING OUR OTHER AGENCIES. SO THE
23 COLLABORATION IS HAPPENING. AND IT'S WONDERFUL TO SEE IT
24 BECAUSE THE COMMUNITY SEES IT. AND TO ME THAT'S THE MARK WHEN



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1 WE KNOW THAT THE COMMUNITY IS RECOGNIZING THAT TOO, SO THANK
2 YOU FOR YOUR HELP. JUST PERSONALLY, ON A PERSONAL NOTE.

3

4 **DR. MARK GHALY:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **PHIL ANSELL:** GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN. PHIL ANSELL, DIRECTOR OF
7 THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE. I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT I'M
8 EXTRAORDINARILY EXCITED AND INSPIRED BY THE WORK THAT IS GOING
9 ON THROUGH THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE. THROUGH THE PLANNING
10 PROCESS WHICH THE BOARD SUPPORTED, WE GALVANIZED AND MOBILIZED
11 A LEVEL OF UNPRECEDENTED ENERGY WITHIN COUNTY GOVERNMENT WITH
12 CITY PARTNERS AND WITH THE COMMUNITY. AND SINCE THE BOARD'S
13 ACTION ON FEBRUARY 9TH, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO BUILD ON THAT
14 ENERGY AND MOVE FORWARD WITH IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING AND FOR
15 THE PHASE 1 STRATEGIES. THE INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF A SUBSET
16 OF THE 47 STRATEGIES WHICH ARE BOARD-APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 9TH.
17 YOUR STAFF AT THE MOST RECENT HOMELESS POLICY DEPUTIES MEETING
18 HEARD PRESENTATIONS FROM THE LEAD DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES FOR
19 THOSE PHASE 1 STRATEGIES AND THEY CAN AN TEST TO THE LEVEL OF
20 ENERGY AND THE LEVEL OF SYNERGY AMONG THE DEPARTMENTS WORKING
21 ON THESE STRATEGIES AND ACROSS THE STRATEGIES. SO THERE IS
22 ENORMOUS ENERGY MOVING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND I SAY LOS
23 ANGELES COUNTY COUNTY BOTH AS A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY AND AS A
24 GEOGRAPHIC AREA, MOVING TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS IN A WAY THAT
25 MAKES ME VERY EXCITED. AND THE EXTENDED DEBATE EARLIER TODAY



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1 ABOUT AN ONGOING HOMELESS REVENUE OPTION REALLY ATTESTS TO
2 THAT ENERGY. THERE WERE MANY MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY HERE.
3 AND THE QUESTION WITH WHICH WE GRAPPLED TODAY WAS NOT WHETHER
4 TO SECURE AN ONGOING REVENUE MEASURE BUT WHAT MEASURE AND
5 WHEN. AND THE FACT THAT THAT IS NOW THE QUESTION RATHER THAN
6 IF, BUT WHICH AND WHEN, IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF THE
7 MOVEMENT THAT IS HAPPENING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO COMBAT
8 HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I WANT TO SAY, I'M LOOKING AT THREE
13 EXTRAORDINARY LEADERS ACTUALLY I SHOULD SAY FOUR, BECAUSE THE
14 BOARD IS REALLY A DREAM MACHINE OR AS MANY OF THE DEPARTMENTS
15 MIGHT SAY A MOTION MACHINE. AND WE THINK UP A LOT OF STUFF.
16 BUT THE WHOLE IDEA WAS REALLY TO IDENTIFY THOSE AREAS
17 ESPECIALLY WHERE THERE'S SO MANY DEPARTMENTS ENGAGED IN
18 SERVING IN MANY WAYS THE SAME POPULATIONS OR SERVING IN
19 DIFFERENT WAYS BUT WITHOUT A LOT OF COMMUNICATION. SO WE
20 STARTED TALKING A LOT ABOUT SILOS. AND WE DIDN'T START IT.
21 PEOPLE, THEY KEPT USING THE WORD SILOS, SILOS, SILOS OR SMOKE
22 STACKS OR WHATEVER. AND WE ASKED ESSENTIALLY OUR NEW C.E.O.
23 FOR A DIFFERENT STRUCTURE. AND IT WASN'T JUST A GOVERNANCE
24 STRUCTURE. IT WAS SOMETHING I CALLED SORT OF JOKINGLY THE AD
25 HOC-RACY, WHICH WAS THE DOTTED LINE BOXES IN THE MIDDLE OF HER



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1 AREAS THAT DIDN'T GO UNDER ANY DEPARTMENT AND SORT OF THINKING
2 UP A WAY TO BRING THESE TOGETHER AND WE'RE REALLY LOOKING AT
3 THE THREE OF YOU AND SAYING THESE WERE THE AREAS WHERE WE
4 WANTED THERE TO BE PERFECT COMMUNICATION AMONG THE
5 DEPARTMENTS, AND PERFECT IDEATION, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY
6 IMPLEMENTATION. AND I THINK SPEAKING FOR MYSELF, I'M VERY,
7 VERY PLEASED. WE'RE ONLY ON THE BEGINNING OF WHAT'S GOING TO
8 BE A REALLY INTERESTING, IMPORTANT AND TOUGH PATH. BUT IT HAS
9 BEEN VERY TRANSFORMATIVE FOR EVERYBODY IN THE COUNTY FOR
10 BETTER OR FOR WORSE. JOHN ANSON FORD, FORMER SUPERVISOR, WROTE
11 A PRETTY SLIM BOOK CALLED "30 EXPLOSIVE YEARS IN L.A. COUNTY."
12 SO MUCH HAPPENED IN THOSE 30 YEARS THAT HE DETAILED. SO MANY
13 CHANGES. AND A LOT OF INSTRUCTION ABOUT HOW CHANGE OCCURS. HOW
14 YOU BUILD COLLABORATION WITH EACH OTHER. HOW PEOPLE AGREE AND
15 THEN THEY DON'T AGREE. AND SO I REALLY AM VERY HAPPY WITH THE
16 DIRECTION THAT WE'RE TAKING. ESPECIALLY WITH YOU, OUR C.E.O.,
17 WHO SAID OKAY, WE TAKE YOUR VERY INCHOATE DREAMS AND HERE'S
18 HOW WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THEM A LITTLE BIT MORE MANIFEST. AND
19 FIND SOME REALLY GOOD PEOPLE TO DO IT. NOT SAYING EVERYTHING
20 IS PERFECT. I'M NOT SAYING EVERYTHING IS EVEN 10 PERCENT WHERE
21 IT'S GOING, BUT I REALLY LIKE THE DIRECTION. SO THANK YOU VERY
22 MUCH.

23
24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS THAT
25 I MIGHT WISH POSE. I'M MORE THAN WILLING TO SUBMIT TO THE



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1 RESPECTIVE OFFICES THROUGH THE C.E.O. IN A MEMO FORM THAT CAN
2 THEN BE SHARED WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN TERMS OF THE
3 RESPONSES, BECAUSE SOME OF THEM RELATE TO THE SHERIFF'S
4 DEPARTMENT WHO ISN'T HERE AND THAT'S ONE OF THE FOUR PIECES IN
5 TERMS OF OUR REFORM AGENDA-- THERE HE IS. YOU'VE BEEN HIDING
6 ALL THAT TIME. I STILL RESERVE THE RIGHT TO COMMUNICATE THE
7 CONCERNS THAT I HAVE FOR A MORE SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE THAN
8 MIGHT BE AFFORDED AT THIS POINT IN TIME. MAYBE YOU IDENTIFY
9 YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD, YOUR NAME, YOUR RANK AND YOUR SERIAL
10 NUMBER.

11

12 **VIC TRUJILLO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. COMMANDER
13 VIC TRUJILLO FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, SPECIAL STANDARDS
14 DIVISION.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. I THINK THE PRIORITIES ARE WHAT
17 THEY ARE. AND MOVEMENT IS HAPPENING THAT IS NOTEWORTHY.
18 APPROPRIATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O. FOR ITS
19 STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP. OBVIOUSLY MORE TO BE DONE. THE BALANCE
20 OF WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER BY WAY OF THE OFFICE OF CHILD
21 PROTECTION HEALTH AGENCY AS WELL AS THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE
22 AND THE REFORM IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, I'LL DO IN WRITTEN
23 FORM AND RESPONSES I WOULD HOPE COULD BE SHARED WITH THE
24 ENTIRETY OF THE BOARD. THEN WE SHOULD CUE THIS UP FOR A FOLLOW



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1 UP AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, PURSUANT TO THE BOARD MOTION THAT
2 BROUGHT THIS FORWARD TODAY. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT'S VERY GOOD. WE DO
5 HAVE SOME SPEAKERS THAT I NEED TO CALL UP. WE HAVE LANCASTER
6 ONLINE. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS. AND MICHAEL JENKINS.

7

8 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** EVANGELIST MICHAEL JENKINS AGAIN AND I WOULD
9 LIKE TO GIVE MY TIME TO DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** GOOD LATE AFTERNOON, BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS. AGAIN, DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS. I WANTED TO
15 SPEAK ON THE ISSUE OF DIVERSION AND I'M SPEAKING MORE AS A
16 PARENT AS OPPOSED TO AN ADVOCATE. I HAVE A SON WHICH I SPOKE
17 TO YOU ABOUT BEFORE WHO MIKE HELPED ME ADOPT 20 YEARS AGO. WE
18 WERE LIED TO, MISLED, MIKE, CONCERNING THINGS SUCH AS SYPHILIS
19 AND GONORRHEA FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME. HE WAS EXTREMELY
20 DEPRESSED FOR YEARS AND YEARS. WE NEVER KNEW WHAT WAS WRONG
21 WITH HIM. MY SON IS A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM. HE IS BEING
22 CHARGED WITH SOMETHING, OF PUTTING SOMETHING ON FACEBOOK
23 CONCERNING BEING BEATEN CONSTANTLY BY THE MOTHER OF HIS CHILD
24 WHICH WOULD NEVER LEAVE BECAUSE THAT IS THE ONLY BLOOD HE HAS
25 ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH AND HE LOVED HER DEARLY, HIS



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1 DAUGHTER. NOW I'M HERE BECAUSE THEY OFFERED HIM A MISDEMEANOR
2 WITH A LITTLE TIME, TWO DAYS, TWO WEEKS IN JAIL, HE WOULD NOT
3 ACCEPT IT BECAUSE HE DID NOT DO ANYTHING. HE NEVER TOUCHED
4 HER. MY SON COULD NOT EVEN BE ANGRY IF HE WANTED TO. WE ARE
5 TRYING TO GET HIM BACK IN THE REGIONAL CENTER. HE SHOULD NEVER
6 BEEN PUT OUT OF THE REGIONAL CENTER. YOU AND I DIDN'T EVEN
7 KNOW HE WAS IN THE REGIONAL CENTER IT WAS A LIE AND
8 FABRICATION AND THEY HID IT FROM US. THEY ARE NOW TRYING TO
9 PUSH DIVERSION ON HIM. DIVERSION FOR WHAT? HE HASN'T DONE
10 ANYTHING. I WOULD RATHER SACRIFICE MY SON THAN ALLOW HIM TO
11 TAKE ANY KIND OF NONSENSE ON HIS RECORD. BUT WHAT I WILL SAY
12 TO YOU IS, I TALKED TO MR. BRUCKNER AND I HAVE IT ON TAPE. AND
13 HE TALKED TO ME ABOUT THE CULTURE AND THE CORRUPTION IN THE
14 MICHAEL ANTONOVICH COURTHOUSE. I ALSO TALKED TO AN
15 INVESTIGATOR NAMED DEAN WHO TALKED ABOUT THE MICHAEL
16 ANTONOVICH BEING A HANGING COURTHOUSE AND THEY WOULD CONVICT
17 MY SON EVEN THOUGH HE HADN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG. I WILL DIE,
18 AND I MEAN THAT, I WILL DIE BEFORE I ALLOW MY SON TO TAKE A
19 MISDEMEANOR AS A BLACKMAIL IN THIS COMMUNITY JUST TO GET TO
20 ME. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU. OKAY. WE
23 HAVE ARNOLD SACHS. HERMAN HERMAN. WAYNE AND DR. GENEVIEVE
24 CLAVREUL.

25



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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, AND THIS ONE MINUTE
2 CRAP IS CRAP. LEARNED A LOT TODAY. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE
3 GENTLEMAN COMING UP AND TALKING ABOUT DIVERSION. THE LYNNE
4 LYMAN MENTIONING THAT THE COUNTY IS STILL GETTING THE \$380
5 MILLION FROM PROP 47 FROM THE STATE. I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT'S
6 GOING ON WITH THAT MONEY. YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT EXIDE AND
7 MAYWOOD. YOU FAILED TO MENTION PORTER RANCH, AND THE
8 DIFFERENTIATION BETWEEN WHAT THE HEALTH AGENCIES DID AT PORTER
9 RANCH AND YOUR PEOPLE AT EXIDE AND MAYWOOD, SI, SI PUTO,
10 RIGHT? AND THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE, EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT
11 THE \$100 MILLION THAT YOU'RE GIVING OUT BUT YOU TALKED ABOUT
12 THE \$950 MILLION THAT THE COUNTY HAS SPENT ON HOMELESS. WE
13 DON'T HEAR TOO MUCH ABOUT THAT. AND A DREAM MACHINE? MISS
14 KUEHL, IT'S MORE LIKE NIGHTMARE ON TEMPLE STREET.

15

16 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES. SO WE HAVE THE PROP 47. THE LAW THAT
17 DOESN'T WORK. YOU GO OVER, YOU TAKE THE FREEWAY. THEN YOU GO
18 TO ADELANTO, THIS LIVING HELL CALLED ADELANTO, AND ALL OF
19 THESE--

20

21 **MARY WICKAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, THIS IS NOT ABOUT PROP 47.

22

23 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** BECAUSE IT IS, MISS PITBULL, I KEEP TELLING
24 YOU, THEY ARE THERE BECAUSE THEY'RE CONVICTED OF CRIMES.

25



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1 **MARY WICKAM, COUNSEL:** WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT 47. WE ARE
2 TALKING ABOUT R-4 NOW. R-4, SIR. PLEASE GET BACK ON TOPIC.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** STAY ON TOPIC.

5

6 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YOU'RE TAKING MY TIME. YOU'RE INTERRUPTING ME.
7 PEOPLE ARE BEING DEPORTED BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT GETTING RELIEF
8 UNDER THE STATUTE. THAT'S WHY THEY'RE THERE. STOP DEPORTING
9 PERMANENT RESIDENTS. GET THEM THE RELIEF UNDER 47.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED.

12

13 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** SO ANTI-IMMIGRANT, THE LATINA, YOU KNOW?

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WHAT DO YOU KNOW? OKAY. HERMAN
16 HERMAN, PLEASE.

17

18 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** THAT'S ALL I KNOW, LADY.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SURE, YOU CAN'T PRACTICE LAW HERE.
21 BYE. GO AHEAD.

22

23 **HERMAN HERMAN:** I DON'T KNOW NOTHING. I KIND OF ACT LIKE
24 ARISTOTLE. I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT CHILD WELFARE, HEALTH
25 SERVICES, INTEGRATION. BUT I DO KNOW ABOUT A TOPIC CALLED



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1 HOMELESSNESS. I SEE 47,000 PEOPLE SITTING ON OUR STREETS. I
2 SEE HOW CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE AND AUTHORITATIVE
3 ADMINISTRATIVE USE HOMELESSNESS AS A TOOL TO ABUSE AND CREATE
4 A SYSTEM THAT IS FRAUDULENT, RACIST AND DISCRIMINATORY. I
5 REALLY HOPE THAT CHANGES NOW THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
6 HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

7

8 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
9 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I'M ONLY GOING TO FOCUS ON HEALTH
10 AGENCY INTEGRATION. AND I'M SO ANGRY I CANNOT EVEN SPEAK. I AM
11 APPALLED. ALL THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN ARE LIES ON
12 MANY LEVELS, THAT EVEN THE DOCTOR CAN COME HERE AND SIT DOWN
13 AND FEED YOU THAT GARBAGE IS APPALLING. RIGHT NOW THINGS ARE
14 NOT WHAT THEY WERE. THEY STILL HAVE THREE DIFFERENT HUMAN
15 RESOURCES. IT TAKES SIX MONTHS TO GET APPOINTMENT. IT IS SO
16 ENORMOUS. I HAVE NO TIME BUT FOR YOU TO ACCEPT THOSE KIND OF
17 REPORTS IS SCARY. IT IS SCARY AND I DEMAND THAT YOU LOOK
18 INTENSIVELY AT WHAT'S GOING ON.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET ME ASK A QUESTION, MADAME CHAIR. ARE
21 YOU REFERRING TO THE REPORT ON THE GOVERNANCE AND SO FORTH,
22 DR. CLAVREUL?

23

24 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** THE ONE ON TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE HERE.

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT, RIGHT. IT COMES BACK AGAIN.

2

3 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** AND I WOULD APPRECIATE THAT BECAUSE IT
4 IS A GROSS MISREPRESENTATION. AND THE HOSPITAL COMMISSION IS
5 SENDING A LETTER TO DR. KATZ. I WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT
6 YOU LOOK AT IT.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT IT COMES BACK AGAIN FOR THE RECORD.
9 THIS IS SCHEDULED TO BE HEARD ON A SEMIANNUAL BASIS. SO THAT
10 WE CAN TRACK, SO THAT WE CAN MONITOR, SO THAT WE CAN ADVANCE
11 ACCOUNTABILITY WITH RESPECT TO THE REFORMS THAT WE SAY ARE
12 IMPORTANT TO US. SO THIS IS NOT THE LAST TIME WE WILL HAVE AN
13 OPPORTUNITY TO DIG IN.

14

15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** AND FOR THE SAKE OF FAIRNESS, I WILL
16 PROVIDE YOU WITH THE WRITTEN REPORT WITH THE INFORMATION SO
17 YOU CAN LOOK AT IT.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS IS A RECEIVE AND FILE. VERY
24 GOOD. LET'S MOVE ON NOW TO ITEM NO. 12 THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE
25 HELD?



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1
2 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I DID HOLD THAT. I'M WILLING TO
3 CONTINUE IT. ALL I HAVE, I SUPPORT THE MOTION. I JUST HAD AN
4 AMENDMENT THAT I'D LIKE TO BRING IN. WANT ME TO DO IT NOW?
5 JUST TALKS ABOUT PERIODICALLY EXAMINING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
6 AUREALIS B.E. [PH?] AND THEIR D.V.B.E. PREFERENCE PROGRAMS.
7 I.S.D., C.E.O. AND NOW THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS HAVE
8 SUBMITTED REPORTS TO THE BOARD WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE
9 THESE PROGRAMS. IN APRIL 2014, I.S.D. REPORTED TO THE BOARD
10 THE RESULTS OF A STUDY DONE BY CAL STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOS
11 ANGELES, COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS. THE STUDY
12 ESTIMATED IN ORDER FOR THE COUNTY TO GET TO A 10 PERCENT
13 UTILIZATION, IT WOULD NEED 4,167 REGISTERED L.S.B.E.S. THIS
14 WOULD BE A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE FROM THE APPROXIMATELY WE HAVE
15 1,300 NOW. THE C.E.O. CAME TO THE SAME CONCLUSIONS IN A REPORT
16 THIS PAST AUGUST. STATED THAT THE COUNTY NEEDS TO INCREASE ITS
17 D.V.B.E.S AND L.S.B.E.S. THE UNDERLYING GOAL SHOULD BE
18 INCREASE THE POPULATION OF PARTICIPANTS. THE UTILIZATION PLAN
19 BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY IS NO DIFFERENT. INDEED, A NOTE SAID,
20 IN ORDER TO REACH A VERY AMBITIOUS GOAL, THE COUNTY NEEDS TO
21 INCREASE THESE TENFOLD OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS. SO I WOULD
22 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF
23 B.C.B.A. TO INCLUDE IN HIS QUARTERLY REPORTS A SECTION
24 DEDICATED TO THE SIZE OF THE VENDOR POOL, INCLUDING THE NUMBER
25 OF L.S.B.E.S AND D.V.B.E.S, A TIMELINE WITH THE ESTIMATED



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1 VENDOR POOL SIZE FOR BOTH, IN ORDER FOR THE COUNTY TO REACH
2 ITS 25/3 UTILIZATION GOAL BY 2020, AND THAT THE RESULT OF
3 THESE STRATEGIES ARE OUTLINED IN THE UTILIZATION PLAN. JUST
4 ADD TOGETHER THE QUARTERLY REPORT.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I ACCEPT THAT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO HAVE AN AMENDMENT THAT WE COULD PUT ON
9 FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK, IS TO MOVE THAT THE BOARD WITHHOLD ANY
10 SPENDING AUTHORITY UNTIL THE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT IS PROVIDED
11 TO OUR BOARD. IT SHOULD BE PRESENTED BY SEPTEMBER 6TH AND
12 INCLUDE A DETAILED JUSTIFICATION FOR RECOMMENDED ADDITIONAL
13 RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE UTILIZATION PLAN INCLUDING ANY
14 STAFFING RECOMMENDATIONS.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M FINE WITH THAT.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DID
19 YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING ON THIS ITEM ? NOT AT THIS POINT. WE
20 DO HAVE SEVERAL SPEAKERS. AND I DO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
21 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND HIS STAFF FOR WORKING AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL
22 AND KNABE AND OTHERS THAT HAVE BEEN REALLY HONING IN ON THIS
23 ISSUE FOR THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF. I THINK TODAY WE'RE AT A
24 GOOD PLACE. THERE'S A LOT THAT COULD BE SAID. A LOT HAS BEEN
25 SAID ALREADY AT THIS MEETING. SO WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM OUR



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1 SPEAKERS THAT ARE GOING TO PRESENT IT BEFORE US, I BELIEVE.
2 WHY DON'T WE GO STRAIGHT TO THEM. WE HAVE ASHLEY CORDERO, IF
3 THESE FOLKS ARE STILL HERE. ASHLEY CORDERO. ADAM HIRSCH. STEVE
4 BUCHANAN. KERRY DOI. SAW KERRY EARLIER. VERNON WEBB. SARAH
5 LEISTIKOW. ROBERT EGGER. GO AHEAD., SIR WELCOME.

6

7 **STEVE BUCHANAN:** THANK YOU. IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY. FIRST OF ALL
8 I WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF A
9 SMALL BUSINESS. IT'S IMPERATIVE AS A SMALL BUSINESS THAT YOU
10 HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO GROW AND TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF YOURSELF. OUR
11 OWNER COMPANY IS CALLED K'ONTINUOUS TECHNOLOGIES. WE'RE AN
12 I.T. SERVICES FIRM. I'M ALSO A CERTIFIED L.S.B.E. AND I HAVE
13 FILED SOME R.F.P.S WITH THE COUNTY. SO I KNOW THE IMPORTANCE
14 OF HAVING A COMPETITIVE FIELD WHERE I CAN COMPETE WITH LARGE
15 I.T. ORGANIZATIONS. SO I URGE THE SUPERVISORS TO ADOPT A
16 MEASURE AND CONTINUE TO SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS AND I DO THANK
17 YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. VERY GOOD.

20

21 **VERNON WEBB:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR. SUPERVISORS. MY
22 NAME IS VERNON WEBB. I'M THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF WEBB GROUP
23 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT. WE PROVIDE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND
24 EXECUTIVE COACHING PROGRAMS. WE ARE LOCATED IN CULVER CITY.
25 AND IN ESSENCE WHAT WE DO IS WE INTEGRATE CONCEPTS OF



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1 MINDFULNESS AND EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE IN OUR EXECUTIVE
2 LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS. I ALSO WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
3 THANK BRIAN STIGER AND HIS CHIEF DEPUTY JOEL AYALA FOR THE
4 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. WEBB GROUP LEADERSHIP
5 DEVELOPMENT STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE COUNTY'S UTILIZATION GOAL TO
6 INCREASE THE COUNTY'S CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO
7 THE LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, DISABLED VETERAN
8 ENTERPRISES AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
9 FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISES. THE GOAL OF 25 PERCENT AND 3 PERCENT
10 IS HUGE. HOWEVER, ON BEHALF OF THE MANY THOUSANDS OF OTHER
11 COUNTY SMALL EMPLOYEES, COUNTY BUSINESSES, WE WANT TO THANK
12 YOU FOR TAKING THIS ON.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I WOULD JUST BE REMISS
15 IF I DIDN'T ALSO COMPLIMENT OUR VERY OWN BRIAN STIGER AND HIS
16 STAFF. VERY CAPABLE STAFF. I DON'T KNOW IF BRIAN'S HERE OR
17 NOT. BRIAN, TAKE A VOW AND YOUR STAFF. MR. AYALA. THEY'VE DONE
18 OUTSTANDING JOB THIS LAST YEAR AND A HALF, AND I KNOW IT'S
19 BEEN HARD. SIX MONTHS OF HARD WORK ON THIS AND MEETING WITH A
20 LOT OF PEOPLE AND GETTING THE BEST IDEAS BUT WE'RE COMING INTO
21 THE 21ST CENTURY, YES. AND IT'S GOOD BECAUSE WE CAN NOW LOOK
22 TO HOPEFULLY EXPAND UPON THE \$4 BILLION WORTH OF FUNDS THAT WE
23 DO BUSINESS WITH, THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND THROUGHOUT THIS
24 COUNTY AND THE STATE, THAT WE CAN EXPAND THAT REACH TO OUR
25 SMALL BUSINESSES, MINORITY, DISADVANTAGED, VETERANS AND ALL



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1 THE OTHER GROUPS THAT WE KNOW WOULD LIKE TO BE PARTNERS WITH
2 US. SO MY HAT GOES OFF TO YOU AND TO OUR STAFFS WORKING SO
3 HARD TIRELESSLY ON THIS ISSUE AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MORE
4 OPPORTUNITIES COME FORWARD.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT'S A GOOD THING, MADAME CHAIR. IT'S A
7 REAL GOOD THING. AND WE ARE READY TO JUST OFFER APPROPRIATE
8 ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO ALL THOSE WHO WORKED ON OUR RESPECTIVE
9 STAFFS, SHOUT OUT TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS, DAVID RICATELLO AND
10 OTHERS WHO WORKED ON THIS. TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE BENEFIT, TRIPLE
11 BOTTOM LINE BENEFIT. MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT FOR THE
12 DISADVANTAGED, REDUCING THE DEMAND ON COUNTY SERVICES. AND
13 INCREASING THE TAX BASE. A TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE. SO \$3.9 BILLION
14 IN TERMS OF ANNUAL COUNTY PROCUREMENT IS NOW GOING TO BE
15 AVAILABLE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING BY CERTIFIED SMALL BUSINESSES
16 AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISES THROUGH THIS PLAN. IT'S A GOOD THING
17 ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT IT. SO THIS IS NOT ABOUT EMPLOYEES OR
18 LOANS. IT'S ABOUT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES, AS WELL. I BELIEVE
19 THAT'S THE WAY YOU BUILD HEALTHY COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU FOR
20 YOUR COLLABORATION IN THIS, MADAME CHAIR. TO THE RESPECTIVE
21 DEPARTMENTS, WE THANK YOU, AS WELL.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** CAN I JUST ADD? I THINK THIS IS A VERY AGGRESSIVE
2 PROGRAM AND IT'S GOING TO DO WONDERS IF WE'RE SUCCESSFUL. IT'S
3 GOING TO HAVE A VERY SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES IN
4 THIS COUNTY.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YEP. WE DO HAVE INTO SPEAKERS, I'LL
7 CALL THEM UP. HERMAN HERMAN. WAYNE. DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS.
8 ARNOLD SACHS. ERIC PREVEN. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

9

10 **HERMAN HERMAN:** MADAME SPEAKER, I'D LIKE TO YIELD MY TIME TO
11 MR. ARNOLD SACHS. THANK YOU.

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES, THANK YOU. GOOD
14 AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS. COMMENTING ON WHAT YOU MENTIONED
15 EARLIER ABOUT WHAT ONE OF THE OTHER SPEAKERS KNOW. THE 21ST
16 CENTURY STARTED IN 2001, MA'AM. THIS IS 2016. WE ARE NOT
17 ENTERING INTO THE 21ST CENTURY. WE ARE 15 YEARS INTO IT.
18 EXCUSE ME? EXCUSE ME? I THOUGHT I HEARD SOME KIND OF COMMENT
19 IN THE BACKGROUND THERE. SMALL BUSINESSES, YOU KNOW THE CITY
20 OF LOS ANGELES, WHEN THE RECESSION HIT, THEY PUT TOGETHER A
21 PROGRAM. THIS IS BACK 2008, 2009 MAYBE 2010. TO ASSIST SMALL
22 BUSINESSES. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THEY WANTED TO REDEFINE THE
23 PARAMETERS OF WHAT WAS BE CONSIDERED WHERE A SMALL BUSINESS
24 COULD BE LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THEY WERE
25 TOLD BY CITY ATTORNEY THAT THE CITY ACTUALLY HAS PARAMETERS



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1 FOR SMALL BUSINESSES. AND SO FOR YOU TO TALK ABOUT THE YEAR
2 AND A HALF THAT YOU'VE BEEN BUSY HARD AT WORK SNORING, IT'S SO
3 DISINGENUOUS BECAUSE BEYOND RECESSION, WHICH AFFECTED TONS OF
4 SMALL BUSINESSES AND THE RECOVERY PERIOD YOU WOULD THINK THAT
5 THE LEADERS THAT WE HEAR ABOUT, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
6 BEING THIS FLAGSHIP OF LEADERSHIP, YOU'D THINK THEY WOULD BE
7 ON TOP OF THIS. AND I'M ALSO SOMEWHAT CONCERNED. I KNOW YOU DO
8 A LOT OF THINGS WITH UNION WORKERS AND CONTRACTS WITH THAT SO
9 THAT IT'S FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND THERE WAS A STORY IN THE L.A.
10 TIMES, AN EDITORIAL, ABOUT HOW THE CONTRACTORS ARE REQUIRED TO
11 MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS. BUT IT'S THE UNIONS THAT SEND THE
12 WORKERS. SO THEY'RE NOT AFFECTED BY THE ORDINANCES THAT YOU
13 HAVE.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE A VERY RUDE MAN. NEXT SPEAKER.

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** EXCUSE ME?

18

19 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

22

23 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** VERY, VERY GOOD COMMENTS ON A NUMBER OF
24 ISSUES. AND AGAIN LOOKING FOR THE NEEDY FUNDING. THAT'S ALL
25 YOU GUYS DO. YOU KEEP LOOKING FOR MORE MONEY UNDERNEATH EVERY



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1 ROCK YOU CAN LOOK. THIS IS RIDICULOUS. THIS IS NOT A WELFARE
2 AGENCY. WE'RE A BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. LOWER THE GOD DARN
3 TAXES. FOR THE SMALL BUSINESSES WITH LESS THAN 20 EMPLOYEES.
4 THAT'S WHAT IT IS. THAT'S THE MICROECONOMIC SYSTEM THAT YOU
5 NEED TO DEVELOP. IT'S THOSE LITTLE GUYS THAT BECOME THOSE BIG
6 GUYS. BUT YOU KEEP GOING TO WASHINGTON, GOING "AIN'T GOT A
7 GRANT FOR YOU" AND YOU'RE LIKE, "OKAY, AFTER THE PROSTITUTES."
8 WE DON'T NEED THIS. STOP DOING IT.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** LANCASTER ON THE LINE? OKAY. LET'S GO
11 TO MARY JACOBS. MARY JACOBS?

12

13 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS IS ON HER WAY.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S FINE. WE'LL PICK IT UP. WE
16 HAVE SOMEONE HERE. GO AHEAD.

17

18 **MARY JACOBS:** I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU, FIRST OF ALL, FOR
19 INADVERTENTLY FORCING ME TO BECOME A BUSINESS PERSON. I WAS
20 JUST A LANDLADY AND NOW I AM BEING INADVERTENTLY TURNED INTO A
21 RESTAURATEUR AND HOMELESS SHELTER EXTRAORDINAIRE. AND I AM
22 GOING TO START MY OWN THEATER, AND I'M NOT EVEN CRAZY. I'M
23 JUST A BUSINESSWOMAN. I EVEN STARTED MY OWN YOUTUBE CALLED
24 MARY FROM MARS. AND I HAVEN'T BEEN ON "THE GONG SHOW" FOR OVER
25 25 YEARS. AND I BROUGHT EVERY LITTLE PART OF ME THAT COULD



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1 SING, DANCE AND TELL SILLY JOKES IN ORDER TO MAKE A LIVING
2 BECAUSE I LOST MY \$1,600 WHEN C.N.R. WAS FORCED AWAY. IN A WAY
3 YOU DID ME A FAVOR BECAUSE IT'S CREATING POVERTY THAT HAS A
4 HOLE AND I'M GOING TO FILL IT WITH MORE MONEY THAN I EVER HAD
5 FROM C.N.R. SO EVERY CLOUD HAS A SILVER LINING. I HOPE YOU
6 COME TO SEE JOEY'S BEEF STORE. IT'S CALLED JOEY'S MEAT JOINTS.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE LANCASTER ON THE
9 LINE.

10

11 **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** I DO APOLOGIZE FOR BEING LATE. I WAS
12 TIED UP. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I REPORTED THIS-- I SUPPORT
13 THIS AGENDA ITEM. I HOPE THAT IT WILL BE FOLLOWED DILIGENTLY.
14 I BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO DO TRACKING. NEED TO DO REPORTS. BUT
15 WE ALSO NEED TO HAVE SOME GOOD FAITH EFFORT IN TERMS OF THOSE
16 INDIVIDUALS THAT WE DO EMPLOY TO DO THESE THINGS. AND
17 OFTENTIMES I'M VERY SUSPICIOUS OF HOW THINGS ARE DONE BECAUSE
18 OF THINGS I HAVE SEEN IN MY LIFETIME, AND THE GREAT GRAFT AND
19 CORRUPTION I HAVE WITNESSED. BUT I THINK THAT IN TERMS OF
20 THIS, I THINK IT SHOULD BE SUPPORTED WHOLEHEARTEDLY. I THINK
21 WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD AND I THINK THAT WE SHOULD SHOW GOOD
22 FAITH AND GIVE IT THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT, AND RISE TO THE
23 OCCASION. THANK YOU.

24



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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, MEMBERS, THIS ITEM
2 IS BEFORE US. MOVED AS AMENDED BY KNABE. SECONDED WITHOUT
3 OBJECTION. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. OKAY, MEMBERS, NOW WE TURN
4 TO SPECIAL ITEMS AND ADJOURNMENTS. WE START WITH SUPERVISOR
5 KUEHL.

6

7 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN
8 WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EARL SHERMAN WHO DIED
9 ON JULY 3RD. HE FOUNDED THE CROWN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY WHERE
10 HE BUILT MORE THAN 250 SCHOOLS, HIGH AND LOW RISE APARTMENTS,
11 DOHENY PLAZA, TEHACHAPI JAIL, THE MARCH AIR FORCE BASE
12 HOSPITAL. AND HOUSING TRACTS IN LANCASTER AND PALMDALE. AFTER
13 RETIRING FROM REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT, HE AND HIS WIFE STARTED
14 A HOME CARE AGENCY KNOWN AS A.A.A. T.L.C. HEALTHCARE
15 INCORPORATED, WITH MORE THAN 4,000 NURSES AND CAREGIVERS. HE
16 WAS KNOWN AS A BENEVOLENT BUSINESSMAN WHO TREATED HIS
17 EMPLOYEES LIKE FAMILY. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JODIE PEARL
18 SHERMAN. HIS CHILDREN, HARVEY, DOUGLAS, MARIA, JOHN AND HIS
19 BROTHER HOWARD. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN
20 IN MEMORY OF RICHARD GRAYSON WHO IS AN INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN
21 PERFORMER, TEACHER, COMPOSER AND RECORDING ARTIST KNOWN FOR
22 HIS REMARKABLE IMPROVISATIONAL SKILLS. HE WAS A PROFESSOR OF
23 MUSIC AT OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE AND AFTER RETIRING TAUGHT AT THE
24 CROSS- ROADS SCHOOL IN SANTA MONICA. SURVIVORS INCLUDE HIS
25 WIFE, DR. SUSAN GRAYSON AND A BROTHER AND SISTER. AND I MOVE



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1 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ELYSE
2 GRINSTEIN WHO DIED ON JULY 2ND. AN ART PATRON SHE HELPED
3 ORIENT THE CENTER OF THE AMERICAN ART SCENE TO LOS ANGELES.
4 SHE CO-FOUNDED THE ART LITHOGRAPHY PRINT PUBLISHING HOUSE
5 GEMINI G.E.L. AMONG THE ARTISTS WHO PRODUCED PRINTS WITH
6 GEMINI WERE ROBERT RAUSCHENBURG, JOSEF ALBERS, MAN RAY, SAM
7 FRANCIS. LARRY BELL. JASPER JOHNS. ELLSWORTH KELLY. RICHARD
8 SERRA. ROY LICHTENSTEIN AND DAVID HOCKNEY. ALSO AN ARCHITECT
9 ELYSE DESIGNED AN AVANT GARDE KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN
10 RESTAURANT ON WESTERN AND OAKWOOD AVENUES IN L.A.'S KOREATOWN
11 AND REMODELED ARTIST DAVID HOCKNEY'S HOLLYWOOD HILLS HOME,
12 SEVERAL AREAS OF CAL ARTS CAMPUS AFTER 1994 EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE.
13 SHE'S SURVIVED BY DAUGHTERS AYN, ELLEN AND NANCY. AND I MOVE
14 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOE JARES,
15 SPORTS WRITER WHO DIED ON JULY 2ND. HE WORKED AS A FORMER L.A.
16 DAILY NEWS SPORTS WRITER AND COLUMNIST. SPENT MORE THAN 15
17 YEARS AT "SPORTS ILLUSTRATED" AND WAS A GENERAL ASSIGNMENT
18 REPORTER AT THE L.A. TIMES AND A WRITER FOR THE UNITED PRESS
19 INTERNATIONAL AND "THE LOS ANGELES HERALD- EXPRESS." HE
20 COVERED MORE THAN 20 DIFFERENT SPORTS AND AUTHORED NINE
21 SPORTS-RELATED BOOKS INCLUDING "WHATEVER HAPPENED TO GORGEOUS
22 GEORGE?" ABOUT PRO WRESTLING WHICH "SPORTS ILLUSTRATED"
23 INCLUDED IN ITS LIST OF THE TOP 100 SPORTS BOOKS OF ALL TIME.
24 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SUZY AS WELL AS TWO DAUGHTERS HAYLEY
25 AND JULIE. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WITHOUT OBJECTION.
3 SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. FIRST ADJOURN IN
6 MEMORY OF JERRY MILLER LONGTIME FRIEND OF MINE. AS A MATTER OF
7 FACT, YEARS AGO IN THE '70S WHEN I WAS PRESIDENT OF THE
8 CERRITOS OPTIMIST CLUB HE WAS MY SECRETARY-TREASURER. HE WAS A
9 REALTOR IN THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER AND CERRITOS. HE WAS PART OF
10 THE ORIGINAL, IT WAS COGBURN REALTY IN BELLFLOWER. LONGTIME
11 MEMBER OF THE CHAMBER. LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE LIONS, AND OTHER
12 CLUBS THERE IN THE CERRITOS OPTIMIST CLUB. HE WAS KNOWN AS MR.
13 BELLFLOWER. HE WAS BORN IN NEBRASKA, MOVED TO SAN PEDRO AND
14 EVENTUALLY WOUND UP IN BELLFLOWER. HE HAD QUITE A CAREER
15 WALKING ACROSS EUROPE, WINDING UP AS AN EXTRA IN SOME OF THOSE
16 MOVIES OVER THERE. BUT ANYWAY HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE CAROL
17 AND SON JEFF. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND
18 FRIENDS ALONG WITH HIS SERVICE CLUB FAMILIES, FROM THE
19 CERRITOS OPTIMIST CLUB, THE BELLFLOWER NEW LIONS, AND THE
20 BELLFLOWER ELKS CLUB. GREAT GUY. FUNNY GUY, AND HE WILL BE
21 MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM. ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CHARLES
22 HUFF, LONGTIME HACIENDA HEIGHTS RESIDENT. PASSED AWAY RECENTLY
23 AT THE AGE OF 71. VERY ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE KIWANIS CLUB OF
24 HACIENDA HEIGHTS FOR OVER 30 YEARS WITH PERFECT ATTENDANCE. HE
25 SERVED AS A KIWANIS REGION 35 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, AND WAS THE



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1 NUMBER 1 DISTRICT CLUB BUILDER, WHICH INCLUDES CALIFORNIA,
2 NEVADA AND HAWAII. SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER POLITA, SON GREG
3 AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. AND THEN WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SANDY
4 FIRMS. SHE WAS A RESIDENT OF AVALON WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY
5 1ST. SHE WAS BORN IN AURORA, ILLINOIS AND LIVED ON CATALINA
6 FULL-TIME FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. SHE WAS A STAFF MEMBER OF
7 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THERE FOR MANY YEARS AS THE INFORMATION
8 SPECIALIST AT THE VISITORS CENTER. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR
9 HER BRIGHT VIVACIOUS PERSONALITY THAT SHE BLESSED ALL THAT
10 KNEW HER WITH. SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. SHE IS SURVIVED BY
11 HER DAUGHTER AND FELLOW CHAMBER STAFF MEMBER MICHELLE WARNER,
12 HER SON-IN-LAW ALAN HARBOR PATROLMAN GREG WARNER,
13 GRANDCHILDREN AUSTIN AND JOEY. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS,
14 MADAME CHAIR. I DO HAVE A READ-IN AS IT RELATES TO A REWARD.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** EARLY IN THE MORNING SUNDAY JULY 10TH, LAW
19 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS RECEIVED SEVERAL CALLS REGARDING THREE
20 FEMALES WORKING THE STREETS. THEY WERE VICTIMS OF HIT-AND-RUN
21 THEY RESPOND TO THE LOCATION WHERE 16-YEAR-OLD AMIYA H. WAS
22 PRONOUNCED DEAD AT THE SCENE. THE OTHER TWO FEMALES WHO WERE
23 DESCRIBED AS ADULTS WERE INITIALLY REPORTED TO HAVE RECEIVED
24 MINOR INJURIES. BUT THE MEDIA REPORTED THAT BOTH ADULT FEMALES
25 DIED ON ROUTE TO THE HOSPITAL. EVERYONE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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1 FAMILY WHO KNEW AMIYA MOURNS HER LOSS. IT'S HEARTBREAKING THAT
2 SOMEONE SO YOUNG WHO WAS TRYING SO HARD TO OVERCOME THE MANY
3 CHALLENGES SHE WAS BRAVELY FACING COULD HAVE TAKEN HER LIFE IN
4 SUCH A VIOLENT WAY. THE DRIVER INVOLVED REMAINS AT LARGE. SO I
5 WOULD THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OFFER \$10,000 REWARD FOR
6 INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE
7 PERPETRATOR OF THIS CRIME.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME.

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13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST LET ME INTRODUCE THIS MOTION RELATIVE
16 TO THE LEGAL TRAFFICKING OF LOCAL DESCRIPTION ISSUANCE OF THIS
17 ORGANIZATION. RECENT NEWS REPORTS OF LOCAL CLINICS WERE
18 INVESTIGATED FOR PRESCRIBING SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF OXYCONTIN
19 AND WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH CORRUPT PHARMACIES IN LOS
20 ANGELES COUNTY. EVIDENCE OF LARGE QUANTITIES OF THE OPIATE
21 PAINKILLERS WERE PRESCRIBED AND ISSUED WHICH SUGGESTS THE
22 PRESENCE OF ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD
23 PHARMACIES. EVIDENCE EXISTS OF HOMELESS PEOPLE BEING USED IN
24 THESE MEDICAL RINGS THAT CONDUCT SCAMS BY SHUTTLLING HOMELESS
25 INDIVIDUALS AROUND TO VARIOUS PHARMACIES WHICH HEIGHTENS



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1 CONCERNS FOR SECURITY, COLLATERAL DAMAGE AND OTHER SOCIETAL
2 ISSUES THAT HURT OUR COMMUNITIES. UNDER FEDERAL LAW, DRUG
3 MAKERS ARE REQUIRED TO ALERT THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OF
4 HIGH VOLUME ORDERS TO ENSURE THAT THERE'S AN AWARENESS OF
5 ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING TAKING PLACE. MANUFACTURERS ARE SLIPPING
6 THROUGH THE CRACKS DUE TO A CHRONIC LACK OF FEDERAL AND STATE
7 OVERSIGHT. DRUG COMPANIES MAINTAIN DATA FOR THE PURPOSE OF
8 SALES WHICH TRACK THE NUMBER OF PRESCRIPTIONS BEING ISSUED BY
9 INDIVIDUAL DOCTORS. A DUTY TO REJECT ORDERS FROM CUSTOMERS
10 EXISTS IF THE COMPANY SUSPECTS ITS DRUGS ARE GOING INTO THE
11 BLACK MARKET. THIS SORT OF FEDERAL OVERSIGHT HAS FALLEN SHORT
12 IN OUR COUNTY. NOT ONLY DO PHARMA COMPANIES DO NOT ALERT THE
13 D.E.A. BUT THERE'S NO WAY TO SHUT OFF THE SUPPLY OF SUCH
14 HIGHLY ADDICTED DRUGS THAT ARE GOING OUT ON THE STREETS UNTIL
15 IT'S TOO LATE. THE IMPACT OF THIS LACK OF FEDERAL AND STATE
16 COMPLIANCE IMPACTS US DIRECTLY, BOTH IN THE SHORT AND LONG
17 TERM. I THINK THE REPORTS INDICATED ONE PHYSICIAN WAS MAKING
18 \$40 MILLION IN ILLEGAL TRANSACTIONS JUST A FEW BLOCKS FROM
19 WHERE WE ARE IN THIS, THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION. SO I'D MOVE
20 THAT WE DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO REPORT BACK
21 ON THE CURRENT IMPACTS OF OPIATES AND PRESCRIPTIONS OF SUCH IN
22 L.A. COUNTY, INCLUDING ANALYSIS OF PHYSICIANS AND PHARMACIES
23 IN THE COUNTY ARE BEING REGULATED AT THE FEDERAL AND STATE
24 LEVEL AND WHETHER ANY ACTIONS REGARDING THE VOLUME OF
25 PRESCRIPTIONS AND OPIATES BEING PRESCRIBED IS NEEDED, AND



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1 DIRECTING THE C.E.O. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO
2 PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD WHAT ACTIONS CAN BE TAKEN
3 TO ENSURE THAT THERE'S ADEQUATE NECESSARY FEDERAL AND STATE
4 OVERSIGHT OF OPIATE PRESCRIPTION USE AND TO ESTABLISH PROPER
5 D.E.A. OVERSIGHT OF OPIATE MANUFACTURERS, PHYSICIANS AND
6 PHARMACIES RELATING TO THE POTENTIAL ILLICIT PRESCRIPTION
7 ACTIVITY.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I'M CURIOUS IF
10 PERHAPS IN THIS MOTION WE COULD EXPLORE THE USE OF PERHAPS A
11 HOTLINE SO PEOPLE CAN CALL IN.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT.

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15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BECAUSE I THINK WE HAVE TO HAVE AN
16 AWARENESS IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND THIS ARTICLE THAT CAME OUT
17 FOCUSED ON SOMETHING THAT OCCURRED IN MY DISTRICT A WHILE BACK
18 IN HUNTINGTON PARK.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND SAN MARINO AS WELL.

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SAN MARINO AND MACARTHUR PARK AREA.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** INCLUDING A HOTLINE.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO I WOULD INCLUDE IT IF THAT'S FINE
2 WITH YOU. THAT WOULD BE VERY GOOD. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AGREED. ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE
5 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LOU BOZIGIAN, FORMER MAYOR OF LANCASTER.
6 HE WAS MY APPOINTEE TO THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES. PASSED
7 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. HE WAS SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN. CIVIC
8 LEADER AND CHAMPION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. DIRECTOR OF
9 DESERT HAVEN ENTERPRISES, PRESIDENT OF LANCASTER PERFORMING
10 ARTS FOUNDATION, A HERO IN OUR ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMUNITY. HIS
11 LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO HELPING THOSE
12 WITH DISABILITIES WILL HAVE A LASTING IMPACT FOR OUR
13 RESIDENTS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTERS CATHY AND CAROL.
14 HIS BROTHER AND HIS NEPHEW MARK WHO IS ALSO THE CITY MANAGER
15 FOR THE CITY OF LANCASTER. LOU WAS A VERY FINE MAN. HE WAS A
16 GIVING PERSON. HE WAS ALWAYS INVOLVED BUT NEVER WANTED THE
17 LIMELIGHT. JUST WANTED TO BE SERVING HIS COMMUNITY AND HIS
18 CHURCH AND A GREAT ROLE MODEL. GHAZAR KAHWAJIAN, UNCLE OF MY
19 APPOINTEE TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, GREG KAHWAJIAN,
20 PASSED AWAY ON JULY 1ST AT THE AGE OF 88. HE CAME TO
21 CALIFORNIA FROM DAMASCUS IN 1979. HE WORKED AS A DIAMOND
22 SETTER IN THE JEWELRY DISTRICT AND THEN MOVED TO THE VAN NUYS
23 AREA WHERE HE OPERATED HIS OWN BUSINESS. HE WAS A CREATIVE AND
24 COMPETITIVE PERSON, REMAINED VERY ACTIVE PHYSICALLY, UNTIL
25 NEARLY THE END. LOVED WATCHING SPORTS, ESPECIALLY THE



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1 BASKETBALL AND TENNIS GAMES AND A GOOD GAME OF BACKGAMMON WITH
2 HIS BROTHERS, AND HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER, SON-IN-LAW,
3 GRANDCHILDREN, SISTER, NIECES AND NEPHEWS. BETTY LOU NASH.
4 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LANCASTER. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
5 92. SHE HAD BEEN A JOURNALIST FOR THE "LANCASTER LEDGER
6 GAZETTE," DIRECTOR OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC RELATIONS
7 AT ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE. SHE HAD SERVED ON THE ANTELOPE
8 VALLEY'S LANCASTER PARKS RECREATION AND ARTS COMMISSION AND A
9 TRUSTEE OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. SHE
10 WAS A DRIVING FORCE IN CREATING THE WONDERFUL AND VERY
11 BEAUTIFUL LANCASTER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER. AND SHE IS
12 SURVIVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN. ANTHONY GAETA, ANOTHER
13 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF ANTELOPE VALLEY. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
14 OF 87. HE WAS A PENSION SPECIALIST FOR TRANSAMERICA LIFE. HE
15 HAD VOLUNTEERED 11 YEARS FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMITTEE ON
16 AGING'S MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM AND SERVED ONE TERM AS
17 CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS THREE CHILDREN.
18 EVA MAE GIESE PASSED AWAY ON JULY 1ST AT THE AGE OF 95. SHE
19 WAS A MEMBER OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IN ARCADIA. SHE'S
20 SURVIVED BY HER SON RAY AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW. ANDREW KINGSMORE
21 GRANNIS TRAGICALLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 24. HE WAS
22 GRADUATE OF SAUGUS HIGH SCHOOL IN 2009. HE WORKED FOR I.T.,
23 AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, HIS BROTHER AND HIS COUSIN.
24 EDWARD DANIELS MADISON PASSED AT THE AGE 86 ON JUNE 25TH. HE
25 SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE DURING THE KOREAN WAR.



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1 HE WORKED FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PLANNING DIVISION AS A
2 CIVIL ENGINEER AND AT LOCKHEED CORPORATION AS ASSOCIATE
3 ENGINEER, WORKING ON PROJECTS INCLUDING THE SUPER
4 CONSTELLATION PROJECT AND THE F-104 AIRCRAFT. COLLABORATED
5 WITH SKUNK WORKS ON THE S.R.-71 AIRCRAFT, AND HE IS SURVIVED
6 BY HIS WIFE DIAN AND THEIR FOUR CHILDREN. DR. HARRY ZELL, JR.
7 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF DUARTE, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 6TH AT
8 THE AGE OF 99. HE SERVED PROUDLY IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY
9 DURING WORLD WAR II. HE WAS A PHYSICIAN. HE RECEIVED A BRONZE
10 STAR FOR HIS BRAVERY. HE WAS GRADUATE OF U.S.C. SCHOOL OF
11 MEDICINE AND SURVIVED BY HIS TWO CHILDREN. ALSO LIKE TO MOVE
12 THAT WE WOULD MOVE IN MEMORY OF THE FOUR DALLAS POLICE
13 OFFICERS AND THE ONE RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY OFFICER WHO WERE
14 ASSASSINATED WHILE PROTECTING PROTESTORS. SERGEANT MICHAEL
15 SMITH, FORMER ARMY RANGER, SENIOR CORPORAL LORNE AHRENS, 48,
16 HAD BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT SINCE 2002. BUT HE ALSO FORMERLY
17 WORKED FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S TECHNICIAN IN THE
18 LENNOX AND LANCASTER STATIONS AND WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
19 AS I SAID SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. OFFER MICHAEL KROL WHO HAD
20 BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT SINCE 2007. OFFICER PATRICK
21 ZAMARRIPA, 32, FORMER NAVY SAILOR AND IRAQI WAR VETERAN, AND
22 DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT OFFICER BRENT THOMPSON, FORMER
23 MARINE WHO HAD BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT SINCE 2009. HE WAS THE
24 FIRST DALLAS RAPID TRANSIT OFFICER TO BE KILLED IN THE LINE OF
25 DUTY SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1989. LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AGO, HE



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1 HAD MARRIED ANOTHER TRANSIT OFFICER AT THE AUTHORITY. THOSE
2 ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. ALL MEMBERS. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I MOVE TODAY WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE
5 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRANCES DANA MALCOLM. FRANCES DANA
6 MALCOLM WAS BORN AT BOSTON CITY HOSPITAL ON AUGUST 2ND, 1946
7 TO PARENTS OF ALAN AND EM MALCOLM OF ROCKS, MASSACHUSETTS.
8 WHEN HE TURNED 17 YEARS OLD, HIS PARENTS SIGNED THE RELEASE
9 ALLOWING HIM TO ENLIST IN THE MARINE CORPS. ASSIGNED TO THE
10 THIRD BATTALION NINTH MARINES, HE BECAME PART OF AN LET 200
11 MAN UNIT REFERRED TO AS HUNGRY EYE, EXECUTING RECON WORK
12 THROUGHOUT HIS THREE TOURS WHILE SERVING IN BATTLE DURING THE
13 VIETNAM WAR. SADLY HE WAS ONLY ONE OF 11 SURVIVORS OUT OF 200
14 IN HIS UNIT. TRANSITIONING FROM SOLDIER TO PROFESSIONAL, DANNY
15 HE BEGAN HIS CAREER WITH KAISER PERMANENTE ON AUGUST 18, IN
16 1974. HE EARNED HIS DEGREE FROM CAL STATE LONG BEACH IN 1986
17 AND A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING, MAKING IT
18 POSSIBLE TO SERVE AS A BIOMEDICAL EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN. HE WAS
19 A UNION TEAM LEADER FOR 25 YEARS UNTIL HE RETIRED IN DECEMBER
20 OF 2007, AFTER 34 YEARS WORKING FOR KAISER. DANNY IS SURVIVED
21 BY HIS SPOUSE, CAROL GRASAFONTE MALCOLM. SHE IS ALSO ONE OF MY
22 COMMISSIONERS. FIVE SIBLINGS, SEVEN CHILDREN, 13 GRANDCHILDREN
23 AND THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, NOT TO MENTION THE EXTENDED
24 CHILDREN AND BROTHERS AND SISTERS THAT STARTED OUT AS FRIENDS



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1 AND BECAME FAMILY OVER THE YEARS. THAT'S MY ADJOURNMENT,
2 WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. GEORGE BROWN,
5 BORN ON MARCH 9, 1922 IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HE PASSED ON JULY
6 THE 2ND IN NEW YORK AT THE AGE OF 94. CHANGE HIS NAME TO
7 ROSCOE CONKLIN BROWN TO HONOR THE UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM
8 NEW YORK WHO CHAMPIONED THE RIGHTS OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS DURING
9 THE PERIOD WE KNOW AS RECONSTRUCTION. HE DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF
10 IN A VARIETY OF WAYS BUT MOST NOTABLE MAY HAVE BEEN THAT HE
11 WAS A TUSKEGEE AIRMAN, COMMANDER OF THE 100TH FIGHTER
12 SQUADRON OF THE B-32 FIGHTER GROUP DURING WORLD WAR II AND 68
13 COMBAT MISSIONS AND HAS CONSIDERABLE CREDITS TO HIS NAME. HE
14 MOVED FROM THAT STELLAR POINT IN HIS LIFE TO OBTAIN A
15 BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE IN MASSACHUSETTS,
16 AND MASTER'S AND THEN A DOCTORAL DEGREE FROM NEW YORK
17 UNIVERSITY. WENT ON TO BECOME PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY IN WHICH
18 HE RECEIVED HIS DOCTORATE AND THEN SPENT TIME IN THE COMMUNITY
19 COLLEGE SYSTEM, CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK GRADUATE CENTER,
20 AND SPENT TIME, AS WELL, DOING THE WORK THAT HE NEEDED TO DO
21 THAT EARNED HIM THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ALONG WITH OTHER
22 SURVIVING TUSKEGEE AIRMEN. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A LEADER
23 IN EDUCATION AND CIVIL RIGHTS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN,
24 DENNIS, DONALD, DORIS AND DIANE, AS WELL AS A HOST OF FAMILY,
25 FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES, STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE TUSKEGEE



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1 AIRMEN WHO WILL REMEMBER HIM FONDLY. DORIES DINLO FARRELL,
2 BORN JUNE 2ND, 1954 IN LOS ANGELES AND PASSED ON JUNE 29 AT
3 THE AGE OF 62. IN 1972 SHE WAS LEADER AT THE THOMAS JEFFERSON
4 HIGH SCHOOL AND SERVED AS THE STUDENT BODY FALL PRESIDENT.
5 CAPTAIN OF THE VARSITY CHEERLEADING SQUAD AND MANY OTHER
6 THINGS THAT SHE WAS ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH DURING HER LIFE. THE
7 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S ADVISORY BOARD AS WELL AS THE WORK SHE DID
8 WITH THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK SOCIAL WORKERS ON TEEN
9 POSTS FOR GANG INTERVENTION. SHE PARTICIPATED IN PARKS AND
10 RECREATION SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM. IN THE '70S SHE BEGAN HER
11 CAREER IN WHAT WAS THEN THE RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT THAT AS WE
12 KNOW LATER BECAME THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.
13 SHE WAS AN OPERATOR FOR MANY YEARS UNTIL SHE BECAME ILL AND
14 CONTINUED AS A SERVICE ATTENDANT FUELING AND WORKING IN THE
15 AGENCY UNTIL SHE RETIRED IN 2002. AFTER HER RETIREMENT SHE
16 CONTINUED TO WORK IN VARIOUS FIELDS IN SECURITY, FOOD SERVICE
17 AND HEALTHCARE AS WELL AS RETAIL. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR
18 HER STRONG WORK ETHIC AND DEDICATION, FOR LOVE OF FAMILY AND
19 FRIENDS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, SIBLINGS AS WELL AS
20 A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF WHICH I CONSIDER MYSELF TO BE
21 ONE, AS SHE WAS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FRIEND OF MINE AND WE
22 WILL MISS HER. ALVIN TOFFLER, SELF-TRAINED SOCIAL SCIENTIST
23 AND WRITER BORN 1928 IN NEW YORK AND PASSED JUNE 26TH AT THE
24 AGE OF 87. WE KNOW HIM MOST AS A RESULT OF HIS BEST SELLING
25 WORK KNOWN AS "FUTURE SHOCK." OTHER BOOKS INCLUDE "THE THIRD



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1 WAVE." HE DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF STARTING OUT IN A VERY HUMBLE
2 WAY WORKING IN A NATIONAL TRADE MAGAZINE AS A RESULT OF
3 BECOMING A WELDER, HE MOVED IN INDUSTRY IN WELDING. HE MOVED
4 ON FROM THERE. TO "FORTUNE" MAGAZINE AND THEN HE AND HIS WIFE
5 BEGAN A CAREER IN FREELANCE WRITING, AND THEY COVERED
6 POLITICS, TECHNOLOGY, SOCIAL SCIENCE AND OTHER MORE SCHOLARLY
7 JOURNALS. HE RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS INCLUDING THE AUTHOR OF
8 THE YEAR AWARD BY THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF JOURNALISTS AND
9 AUTHORS, AND THE BROWN UNIVERSITY INDEPENDENT AWARD, JUST TO
10 NAME A FEW. INFLUENTIAL EDUCATOR. DISTINGUISHED WRITER IN THE
11 FIELDS OF POLITICS, CULTURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE, AND SHAPED
12 SOCIETIES LITERALLY ALL OVER THE WORLD. I REMEMBER READING HIS
13 FIRST WELL KNOWN TEXT AS AN UNDERGRADUATE, AND HAD QUITE AN
14 IMPACT THROUGHOUT UNIVERSITIES IN THE '70S. HE IS SURVIVED BY
15 HIS WIFE HEIDI, HIS SISTER CAROLYN AND A HOST OF FAMILIES,
16 FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES AND ENTHUSIASTS WHO WERE A PART OF THE
17 MOVEMENT DEFINED AS THE MOVEMENT FOR FUTURISTS. SO WE
18 ACKNOWLEDGE PROFESSOR ALVIN TOFFLER.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION. WE HAVE SEVERAL
21 SPEAKERS, PUBLIC COMMENT. ARNOLD SACHS. AND QUEEN SEARLES. GO
22 AHEAD, MA'AM.

23

24 **QUEEN SEARLES:** HI. BEFORE I CAME TO SAY WHAT I CAME TO SAY, I
25 WANT TO PUBLICLY THANK SUPERVISOR DON KNABE AND SUPERVISOR



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1 ANTONOVICH, EVEN THOUGH I DON'T SEE HIM RIGHT NOW. THEY DID
2 SOMETHING FOR ME WHEN I GOT HERE. I HAD ISSUES AND I CALLED
3 THE COUNTY. AND BECAUSE OF THE TENACIOUS PEOPLE AND EFFECTIVE
4 PEOPLE IN YOUR OFFICE, I WAS ABLE TO GET COUNTY SERVICES THAT
5 I REALLY NEEDED AT THAT TIME. AND SO IT DAWNED ON ME THAT IT
6 WAS YOUR OFFICE THAT I CALLED THAT CALLED THE COUNTY AND
7 HELPED ME GET. I WANT TO THANK YOU PUBLICLY FOR THAT. AND
8 THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND HAVING THIS FORUM BECAUSE
9 WHERE I'M FROM, THEY'RE GONE BY NOW. I JUST WANT TO SAY, THIS
10 5150 LAW THAT'S ON THE BOOKS, SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE ABOUT
11 THAT BECAUSE IT'S BEING ABUSED. THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT'S
12 BEING SPENT ON MEDICATION IS TOO MUCH. WE CAN USE THAT BETTER
13 THAN WHAT WE'RE USING IT, SO PLEASE SOMEBODY ADDRESS THAT,
14 BECAUSE THERE'S NO WAY I SHOULD HAVE BEEN 5150. ALL OF MY
15 POSSESSIONS, COMING TO THE POINT WHERE I CAN'T GET THEM OUT.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. A
20 LITTLE DISCUSSION, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WERE PAYING ATTENTION.
21 A LITTLE RECAP. SOMEBODY MENTIONED WE WERE DISCUSSING WITH THE
22 HOMELESS INITIATIVES AND THE SALES TAX. YOU CAN BE PREDICTABLE
23 ABOUT SALES TAX. EVERYBODY VOTED AT METRO FOR R-2, WHICH IS
24 TWICE THE AMOUNT OF THE QUARTER CENT SALES TAX.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** HE DIDN'T VOTE FOR IT.

2

3 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THE SPEAKER WHO MENTIONED IT DID. CONGRATS.

4 THAT'S RIGHT, YOU WERE BEING FISCALLY CONSERVATIVE. WELL,

5 LET'S SEE, METRO R-2 MENTION IT WOULD RAISE \$860 MILLION. BUT

6 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS MENTIONED THAT TODAY'S HALF CENT,

7 QUARTER CENT SALES TAX WOULD RAISE \$355 MILLION. QUARTER,

8 HALF. SO YOU TALK ABOUT BEING RUDE, MADAME CHAIR. WHEN YOU'RE

9 FED THAT KIND OF CRAP AND YOU DISBELIEVE WHAT WE SAY? PLEASE.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE EXCUSED. TINA PHILLIPS. JOSE

12 MARTINEZ. ZORINA SOHL. STEPHON BECKAM. CANDACE CAMPER. STATE

13 YOUR NAME, MA'AM. YOU CAN START.

14

15 **CANDACE CAMPER:** HI, I'M CANDACE CAMPER, AND THERE'S NO WAY I

16 CAN SPEAK WHAT I NEED TO SPEAK WITHIN UNDER A MINUTE. THAT'S

17 DISRESPECTING ME. I'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS CORRUPTION CASE,

18 SUBSIDY HOUSING FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS. JUST LIKE EVERY OTHER

19 BUSINESS OWNER THAT HAS COME TO SPEAK AND IS HERE TODAY AND I

20 WANT EVERYONE HERE TO REALIZE THAT BEFORE YOUR JOBS AND BEFORE

21 YOUR OFFICES AND POSITIONS, YOU ARE HUMAN BEINGS. JUST LIKE

22 THE REST OF US. WE GET UP AND WE LAY DOWN THE SAME WAY. NOW

23 THIS IS WHAT I WAS GOING TO DO INSTEAD. SINCE I ONLY HAVE 21

24 SECONDS, I WANT TO DO THIS. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT I'VE

25 BEEN WORKING WITH THAT MAY BE FAMILIAR TO YOU GUYS. OFFICE OF



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1 COUNTY INVESTIGATIONS, HER NAME IS ALISA SURGETTI. I CAN'T SAY
2 THAT RIGHT, I'M SORRY IF I MISPRONOUNCE IT. MARIA SANTANA.
3 SHE'S IN THE SAME OFFICE. BRIAN BELL, HE'S IN THE SAME OFFICE.
4 WE ALSO HAVE CHRIS WRIGHT, HE'S IN SAME OFFICE. ANTHONY KIM,
5 HE'S IN THE SAME OFFICE. TERRENCE POWELL, HE'S WITH THE
6 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES.
7 L.A.H.S.A. AND D.P.S.S. WHO LEFT ME OUTSIDE ON THE STREETS
8 HOMELESS, MOST RECENTLY THIS PAST FRIDAY. I'VE BEEN WORKING
9 WITH THEM. I'M ALSO BEEN WORKING WITH THE WOMEN'S CENTER.
10 ALVIA VALDEZ. ANOTHER LISA AT L.A.H.S.A. THAT LEFT ME OUTSIDE
11 IN THE STREET HOMELESS. I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH WATTS HEALTH.
12 I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH TRACEY SIMPSON OVER AT VOLUNTEERS OF
13 AMERICA. I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE JULIAN ACCESS CENTER. I'VE
14 BEEN WORKING WITH THE ARC OF RECOVERY MINISTRIES. I HAVE BEEN
15 WORKING WITH THE HARBOR-U.C.L.A. CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK
16 DEPARTMENT. I HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE COUNTY COMMUNITY OF
17 LOS ANGELES SENIOR SERVICES.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. TIME'S EXPIRED.

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21 **QUEEN SEARLES:** SO I'VE DONE A LOT OF WORK. AND I WILL CONTINUE
22 TO DO A LOT OF WORK.

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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. VERY GOOD.

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1 **QUEEN SEARLES ACCOUNTABLE FOR YOUR ACTIONS.**

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3 **>>SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. NEXT SPEAKER, MAN.

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5 **QUEEN SEARLES:** PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS BECAUSE OF YOU GUYS.

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7 **TINA PHILLIPS:** GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS TINA PHILLIPS, AND I
8 AM CURRENTLY HOMELESS ALSO. AND THAT IS FROM PERSONAL ISSUES,
9 BUT MY PETITION TO THE SUPERVISORS THIS EVENING IS THAT WE DO
10 NOT PUT THE CRISIS OF HOMELESSNESS IN THE VOTERS' HANDS. THEY
11 ARE TIRED OF TAXES BEING RAISED. AND VOTERS CANNOT UNDERSTAND
12 THE UNIQUE DILEMMAS OF THE HOMELESS. I HAVE BEEN CHRONICALLY
13 HOMELESS AT THIS POINT BECAUSE OF PERSONAL TRAUMAS. MY SISTER
14 PASSED AWAY. MY MOTHER, FATHER PASSED AWAY. I'M ALSO A CHRONIC
15 OR SERIAL ENTREPRENEUR. I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND
16 THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF HOMELESSNESS INCLUDING
17 MENTAL ILLNESS WHICH I HAVE BEEN COMPLIANT WITH THE DEPARTMENT
18 OF MENTAL HEALTH, CHURCHES, STUDENTS AND ET CETERA. THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. JEFFREY SUTTON.
21 DANIEL GARCIA. JOHN JIMENEZ. OSCAR MOHAMMAD. HERMAN HERMAN.
22 RED CHIEF HUNT.

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24 **OSCAR MOHAMMAD:** YEAH. I'M FROM THE SOUTHERN STATE DOWN SOUTH.
25 AND WHEN WE HEAR SOMEONE PRY IN SOMEONE ELSE'S BUSINESS, WE



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1 SAY POKING YOUR NOSE IN OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS. I SAID, "MAN,
2 WHERE THE POPE GETS HIS NAME FROM?" HE SAID, "MAN, THAT DAMN
3 POPE GETS HIS NAME FROM POKING HIS DAMN NOSE IN THE BUSINESS
4 OF THE WORLD." BUT ANYWAY. OUR STRUGGLE FOR US TO GET JUSTICE
5 BY THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, IF YOU SEE THE UNITED STATES LIVE UP TO
6 THIS TRUMP FOR DEMOCRACY. BUT OUR UNITED STATES JUSTICE SYSTEM
7 NEGLECT THEIR OBLIGATION TO US, DISRESPECT THEIR OBLIGATION
8 TOWARDS JUSTICE FOR THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN. THEY ALWAYS FOUND A
9 NEW NOOSE TO HANG AROUND THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN NECK AND PUT IT
10 ON THE HIGHEST TREE THEY CAN FIND. ANYWAY WE SHOULD ASK OUR
11 GOVERNMENT TO SOUND THE SAME HORN OF COMMITMENT OF DEMOCRACY
12 AND JUSTICE, TO SOUND IT IN THE EARS OF THOSE OPPRESSED
13 ISRAELI REGIMES, WHO IS DESTROYING MANKIND AND USING THE
14 POLITICIANS TO DESTROY THE WORLD. THE WORST CRIMINALS IN THE
15 WORLD IS THE POLITICIANS.

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17 **HERMAN HERMAN:** MADAME SPEAKER, I RESERVE MY TIME TO MR.
18 SPINDLER, THE ONE MINUTE, THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MR. SPINDLER?

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22 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** TWO MINUTES, ALL RIGHT. SO, PICTURED HERE IS
23 THE LATEST L.A. CITY CRIMINAL. COUNCILMAN MITCHELL O'FARRELL.
24 HE GOT A GREAT IDEA. LET'S GET A RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST A
25 BLACK MAN AT CITY HALL BECAUSE THEY GOT ONE AGAINST ME IN



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1 FAVOR OF ANOTHER CITY COUNCILMAN. THE SAME JUDGE THAT DID ME
2 IN READ BRANDENBURG VERSUS OHIO AND DENIED THE RESTRAINING
3 ORDER. IN FACT, THE JUDGE IS SO UPSET, SHE WANTS TO KNOW WHY
4 THE CITY ATTORNEY OF LOS ANGELES DID NOT PRESENT HER WITH
5 EVIDENCE THAT THESE ARE PROTECTED SPEECH CASES. SHE DIDN'T
6 KNOW THAT. AND THE CITY ATTORNEY FAILED TO BRIEF THE ISSUE.
7 BUT MR. HUNT, ACTING AS HIS OWN LAWYER, DID. SO NOW, HOW COME
8 I GET MY REPUTATION AND MY LIFE DESTROYED WHEN I'M ENGAGED IN
9 A PROTECTED RIGHT? WHY DOESN'T ANYBODY SAY, YOU CAN'T DO THAT
10 CONSTITUTIONALLY, YOU CAN'T DO THAT UNDER THE BROWN ACT, YOU
11 CAN'T DO THAT UNDER ANTI-S.L.A.P.? BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO READ
12 THE LAW. AND NOW I REALIZE THE SAME JUDGE UNDERSTANDS THAT
13 NOW. I WANT JUDGE CAROLYN BOWES GOODSON TO ORDER THE L.A. CITY
14 ATTORNEY TO VACATE MY RESTRAINING ORDER. I HAVE UNTIL AUGUST
15 THE 10TH TO FILE AN APPEAL. I'M SPENDING \$18,000 IN AN
16 INVESTIGATION RIGHT NOW AND I AM OUT TENS OF THOUSANDS OF
17 DOLLARS BECAUSE THEY ACCUSE ME OF BEING A NAZI COLLABORATOR
18 WHEN I HANDED A SPEAKER CARD IN IN A PUBLIC MEETING. THAT'S
19 CALLED POLITICAL ASSASSINATION. THANK YOU, JUDGE GOODSON AND
20 MAY YOU PLEASE DO THE SAME FOR ME.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MARY JACOBS. MAUREEN ELISSA KEOWEN.
23 GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

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1 **MARY JACOBS:** MY HUSBAND, RAWLIN MOODY, IS ORDERED TO BE IN
2 COURT ON THE 14TH OF JULY TO SEE JUDGE JULIE FOX BRADSHAW TO
3 FIND OUT-- IT'S LIKE A MAURY POVITCH SHOW-- TO FIND OUT IF
4 HE'S A DADDY. AND THEY ALREADY CALLED TO SAY WE WANT TO LOOK
5 AT YOUR HOUSE. SO APPARENTLY THERE MUST BE A REASON THEY WANT
6 TO SEE THE HOUSE JUST IN CASE MY 83-YEAR-OLD HUSBAND IS THE
7 DADDY AND I JUST WANT TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR BEING SO
8 SUPERIOR. AND I WANT TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
9 FAMILY SERVICES FOR FINALLY ALLOWING HIM TO GET THE D.N.A.
10 TEST. AND GOD WILLING WE WILL HAVE HIS CHILD AND TAKE CARE OF
11 IT. AND HOPEFULLY THE MOTHER CAN NURSE THE BABY AND ALL IS
12 WELL WITH THE WORLD. THIS IS MY NEW [INAUDIBLE]. THIS IS MY
13 MARY FROM MARS GOING TO YOUTUBE. I DON'T KNOW. I'VE GOT TO
14 MAKE SOME MONEY SOMEHOW, TO SUPPORT THE BABY, RIGHT? SO I'M
15 GOING TO GO BACK ON T.V., I HOPE. EVEN IF IT'S ON THE
16 INTERNET. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NOW WE ARE GOING TO TURN TO
19 LANCASTER. AT LANCASTER, WE HAVE JASON ZINK, MICHAEL JENKINS
20 AND DIANA BEARD- WILLIAMS.

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22 **JASON ZINK:** GOOD EVENING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M HER TO
23 TALK TO YOU ABOUT TODAY A.V. HOSPITAL WENT TO SUE THE COUNTY
24 IN COURT TODAY. MY MAIN THING IS WE ARE GETTING THE SHORT END
25 OF THE STICK UP HERE IN ANTELOPE VALLEY. WE'RE GETTING 8 CENTS



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1 ON THE DOLLAR. SO 92 CENTS GOES DOWN TO L.A. AND STAYS THERE.
2 WE HAVE THE BIGGEST CHRONIC HEALTH PROBLEMS OF ALL OF L.A.
3 COUNTY. WE HAVE HUGE AMOUNTS OF HOMELESS PEOPLE. I DON'T KNOW
4 IF THE HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE JUST BEING SENT UP HERE OR WHAT'S
5 GOING ON. BUT I LIVED HERE MY WHOLE LIFE AND I NEVER SEEN THIS
6 MANY HOMELESS PEOPLE UP IN LANCASTER. I DO NOT WANT THIS MONEY
7 SPENT ON ATTORNEY FEES. WE SPENT \$100 MILLION ON THE WATER
8 ALLOCATION IN ANTELOPE VALLEY. \$100 MILLION DID NOT PRODUCE
9 ONE DROP OF WATER FOR THE PEOPLE OF ANTELOPE VALLEY. PLEASE,
10 YOU GUYS. MIKE ANTONOVICH, FIGHT FOR US. GET THIS THING
11 SETTLED. GET THIS CRISIS IN ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL OVER
12 WITH. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. MICHAEL
15 JENKINS?

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17 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** YES, THIS IS EVANGELIST MICHAEL JENKINS
18 AGAIN. AND I WANT TO SPEAK REALLY REALLY DIRECTLY TO
19 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I HAVE SEVERAL
20 THINGS TO SAY TO YOU, AND I HOPE THAT YOU'RE LISTENING BECAUSE
21 NUMBER 1, I CAME TO YOU SEVERAL TIMES ASKED YOU TO HELP TO GET
22 MY GRANDDAUGHTER, THAT HAS SPECIAL NEEDS, THAT HAD A HOLE IN
23 HER HEART THAT HAD TO BE AIRLIFTED FROM A.V. HOSPITAL DOWN TO
24 CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. I CAME TO YOU SEVERAL, SEVERAL TIMES AND
25 ASKED FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE. YOU REFUSED TO DO IT. THANK YOU



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1 VERY MUCH, ANTONOVICH, FOR THAT. NOW, ANOTHER THING MR.
2 ANTONOVICH IS ABOUT KATHRYN WHATEVER HER NAME IS. THAT'S
3 RUNNING FOR YOUR SEAT. SHE CAME DOWN HERE A COUPLE WEEKS AGO.
4 GAVE A COUPLE MILLION DOLLARS BUT THEN YOU NEVER HEAR ABOUT
5 THAT. WHERE IS THAT GOING, MIKE? INTO YOUR POCKET, INTO REX
6 POCKET? IS IT GOING INTO THE OTHER SUPERVISOR'S POCKET? WE'RE
7 TIRED OF IT UP HERE IN THIS PLANTATION. THIS PLANTATION, MIKE,
8 YOU GOT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS BECAUSE IT'S A PLANTATION
9 UP HERE.

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER. NEXT
12 SPEAKER, THANK YOU. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS, THANK YOU.

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14 **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** I'M WEARY. I'M DR. DIANA BEARD-
15 WILLIAMS. THERE'S FOUR THINGS I REALLY WANT TO SAY NUMBER 1.
16 THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES HAS ACTED IN A
17 HORRENDOUS MANNER REGARDING THE JENKINS CASE, ELIZABETH
18 JENKINS AND MIKE JENKINS. I'M CALLING ON ALL OF THE PEOPLE IN
19 L.A. COUNTY TO CONTACT ME WITH THEIR CASES SO THAT WE CAN
20 START TO SUE THEM AND FILE A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT AND 45 DAYS,
21 MIKE, IF THIS JENKINS CASE IS NOT RESOLVED, IT WILL BE FILED
22 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN A FEDERAL COURT. NUMBER 2,
23 TOUCH MY SON. SET MY SON UP SIMPLY BECAUSE YOU DON'T LIKE ME
24 IN THE MICHAEL JENKINS HANGING COURTHOUSE AND IN WHICH
25 BRUCKNER HAS TOLD ME ABOUT THE CULTURE OF THE COURTHOUSE AND



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1 HOW PUBLIC DEFENDERS ROLL OVER. I HAVE IT ON TAPE AND I WILL
2 RAISE HELL. THE THIRD THING I WILL SAY IS GOD BLESS THE SOUL
3 OF LOU BOZIGIAN. HE WAS CORRUPT, MIKE. AND HE AND I TALKED
4 MANY TIMES ABOUT THE DEATH OF--

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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8 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR. THE FOLLOWING IS A
9 REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON JULY 12, 2016.
10 ITEM NO. C.S.-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
11 EXISTING LITIGATION, NO REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN. ITEM NO.
12 C.S.-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
13 LITIGATION, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED SETTLEMENT OF THE MATTER
14 ENTITLED VERIZON CALIFORNIA, INCORPORATED VERSUS STATE BOARD
15 OF EQUALIZATION. THE DETAILS OF THE SETTLEMENT WILL BE MADE
16 AVAILABLE ONCE FINALIZED BY ALL PARTIES. THE VOTE OF THE BOARD
17 WAS UNANIMOUS WITH ALL SUPERVISORS BEING PRESENT. ITEM NO.
18 C.S.-3, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS. NO REPORTABLE
19 ACTION WAS TAKEN.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, WITH THAT, MEMBERS, WE ARE
22 ADJOURNED. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE PUBLIC AND TO OUR
23 STAFFS FOR WORKING SO DILIGENTLY TODAY TO GET US THROUGH.
24 THANK YOU. AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO LORI GLASGOW [APPLAUSE.] WHOO
25 HOO! SHE'S 21 AGAIN, YEAH!



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